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LEWISTON, MAINE

## RIDING WITH SECURITY, DEANS JOIN THE PARTY

During First Of Planned Weekend Patrols, Tannenbaum, Sawyer  
Are Pleased With Observations Of Student Life

by DAVID WELIVER  
NEWS EDITOR

Stephen Sawyer and Keith Tannenbaum were the first deans of students to ride along with college security when they "shadowed" officers for nearly four hours last Friday night. Each dean will be cruising campus with security over the next month in an effort to get a personal look at off-hours residential life at Bates and interaction between students and security officers.

Both Sawyer and Tannenbaum said Monday no student behaviors greatly upset them during their midnight tour around campus, but both were fascinated by the experience.

Tannenbaum recalled students' reactions upon seeing him and Sawyer stroll through the door. "There was surprise. A lot of double takes...but I don't think students were afraid." Tannenbaum speculated that while many did not read last week's email announcing the deans' anticipated presence in the dorms, word of mouth must have spread the news.

Dean Sawyer had similar observations of students' reactions to the deans arriving in residences, saying most students responded "With curiosity. Some were perplexed, and others asked us to join the party."

Although not outside the realm of his expectations, Sawyer expressed some disap-

pointment that out of the many gatherings he witnessed, only one did not include alcohol. Sawyer was pleased overall, however, saying, "What I saw was generally on the plus side. I saw respectful, fun behavior."

Tannenbaum noted that "A lot of students wanted to chit-chat with me even though they were holding a beer. And that's good. It didn't bother me because it was at a legal

party."

Although Tannenbaum does not suppose he knows everything that happens within Bates dorms, he was not surprised on Friday night. Before coming to Bates, Tannenbaum worked at another school in a live-in capacity. Even in his role here at Bates as Dean of

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Dean of Students Keith Tannenbaum and Assistant Security Director Chris Cuevas walked the beat together last Friday night.

## Students Begin Lengthy Battle For RA Reins

Candidate Speeches Mark The Start Of Presidential  
Run-Offs In Historic Open Election

by DAN NEUMANN  
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

The RA held the first of two forums Monday night to elect a new President and Vice President. Five candidates faced off for the two offices. Elections began at the meeting, with the student body being able to vote today and Wednesday outside of commons at lunch and dinner. The candidates for

President are Dan Barsky, Graham Veysey, and Kate Walker, and the candidates for Vice President are Tahsin Alam and Andrew Simon. This vote is the constitutionally mandated election to narrow the candidates down to two for each office. As there are only two candidates for the Vice Presidency, the run off will not affect the Vice Presidential campaign.

Each candidate was given five

minutes for opening remarks, followed by a question and answer period. Following the question and answers, the candidates left the room so that the students present at the meeting could give speeches in support or objecting to any of the candidates. After the speeches were completed, students present could vote.

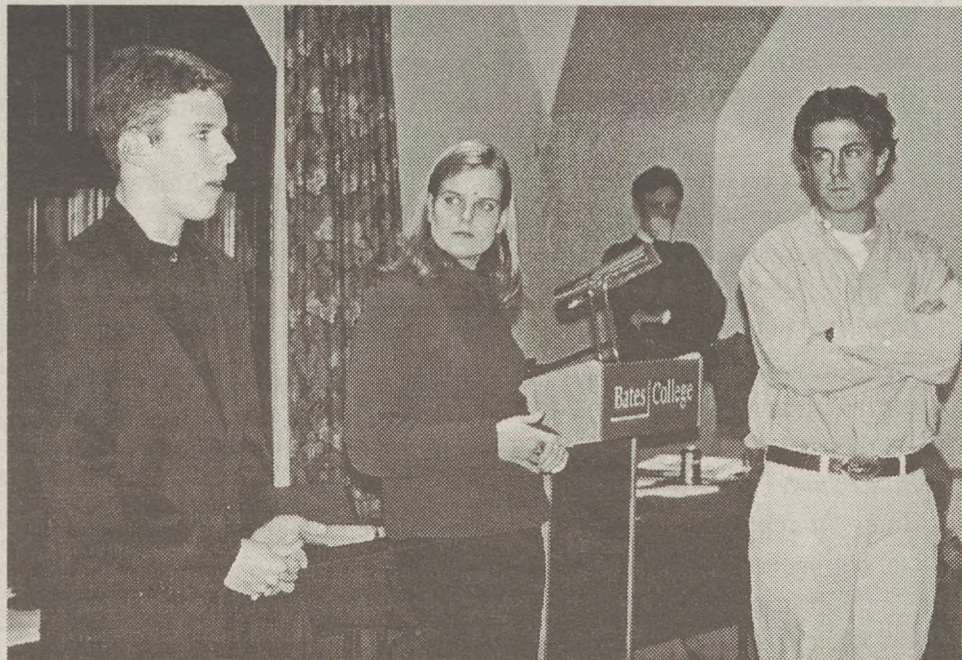
Voting will continue until Wednesday dinner, when one of the Presidential candidates will be eliminated.

This is the first election where student body can vote for candidates without attending the RA meeting where the candidates speak. The RA constitution was amended Fall Semester when a large group of students, including RA members Kate Demellier, Anne and Jane Barlow, President Jay Surdukowski and Presidential candidate Graham Veysey persuaded the RA to amend its constitution to allow all students to vote.

The candidates addressed different concerns during their speeches. Simon and Alam both explained their respective views of the RA VP. While Alam viewed the VP as a generally neutral leader, Simon stated that he would be willing to use the office for causes that he felt were important to the RA.

The presidential candidates then spoke. Dan Barsky spoke first. Giving a brief history of his experience in the RA, Barsky spoke of his time as a rep-

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RA presidential candidates (from left to right) Dan Barsky, Kate Walker, and Graham Veysey, fielded questions from voters Monday night.

## Compulsory First Class Attendance Under Fire

by DAVID WELIVER  
NEWS EDITOR

On behalf of the Educational Policy Committee (EPC), Vice President and Dean of the Faculty Jill Reich presented a recommendation to the faculty on Monday attempting to change the rule mandating that students who do not appear on the first day of a class be automatically dropped from the course.

While the EPC suggested the rule be changed due to confusion over whether students or faculty members are responsible for students dropping classes, many professors protested the bill, arguing that the institution is needed to require students to appear for the first class session each semester.

During the proposal, Reich cited statistics from the registrar showing that 67% of faculty do not turn in class rosters and therefore never drop non-attendees from their course, and 82% of students manage registration online rather than through professors. In addition, Reich noted that the time it takes for professors to submit paper forms indicating adds and drops can create conflicts with no-line on-line registration.

Above all, Reich and the EPC want to change the rule because of the confusion professors and students face when professors come to assign final course grades to a student who has never been in the class and a student must pay fines to have the course dropped.

If a student does not drop a course using no-line on-line and the professor never submits a class roster indicating the student was not in class on the first day, the student can receive an F on his or her transcript for a class he or she never attended. The student must then pay a \$50 fine to have the course removed.

Many professors oppose the proposed

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### Inside The Student This Week:

#### Election Preview

Five candidates vie for the two most powerful student positions on campus. Who are you voting for? **Forum, 2.**

#### A Very Bizarre Journey

Follow one Batsie on the gut churning tale of his most "interesting" holiday break. **Features, 9.**

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Men's hoops scorches the White Mules to bump their streak to six wins and their record to 10-3. **Sports, back page.**

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# FORUM

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## Editorials To Endorse or Not To Endorse

As we come upon this year's RA elections, the staff of the *Student* was considering whether or not to endorse a set of candidates. For a variety of reasons, we decided not to endorse anyone. Among them was our dedication to maintaining a notion of impartiality and our desire to avoid the uncomfortable circumstances that can arise on a small campus where everyone seems to know everyone. But in the end, what made the decision easiest was a simple fact. Nobody really cares. Sure, members of the RA have a vested interest. But beyond that inner circle, few Batesies even know what the RA actually is. Even fewer know who is running or that they have the right to vote.

At the end of the day, the great task facing the new president, whomever he or she may be, will be to address this apathy. Every candidate gives it the token mention and wistfully decries to solve the problem. This year has been no different. But simply talking about it has done nothing in the past. The challenge for each candidate will be to come up with specific plans to attack the barrier that fences off the RA from the rest of the Bates Bubble.

As the Surdukowski era comes to an end, the RA has seen an amazing resurgence. Just four years ago, attendance rarely reached twenty members. In that relatively short time, the RA has expanded to over 90 members and has once again commanded the respect of the administration, forcing increased access to everything from faculty meetings to the Student Conduct Committee chairmanship. But the RA sphere of influence stops there. The challenge facing the new administration is to bring the Assembly to the students. Until this goal is achieved, too few students will care and the RA will lack the relevance that a truly representative student government possesses.

## Remembering The News

There is a documented phenomenon in the study of memory that displays distinct distortions in the perception of time resulting from traumatic events. Looking back over the course of the year gone-by, this idea of distorted time seems particularly true. In most respects, the year was shaping up to be relatively light on the sorts of front-page stories that make the news business what it is.

It was almost a full year ago when the nation welcomed the prodigal-son as President amid a flurry of electoral controversy. In the following months, domestic stories would range from blazing summer wildfires, to the recurrence of school violence, to the search for a missing intern and the explanations of a tight-lipped congressman. Internationally, a tense situation was deftly diffused after a US spy plane crashed in China, justice was sought in the aftermath of the Kosovo conflicts, and Africa's plight in the grip of an AIDS epidemic became frighteningly clear.

On September 11, 2001, the memory of those things was altered. Daily life revolved around coping with an event that left no life unaltered, and made the memory of an election, or an epidemic, or a school-room shooting, seem so much more distant than before. The news business reacted to an unprecedented challenge with the utmost urgency. *The New York Times* flipped its Sports section upside-down to allow for a fifth section dedicated to the attacks and what came next. *The Student* ran its first full-color front page on September 13.

With the New Year, the *Times* has quietly resumed its four-section format, and put a hold on its daily profiles of victims. The war in Afghanistan is winding down, and the site where the Towers used to stand is remarkably clear. Events that once gripped us in our entirety are beginning to reside somewhere in our memory. It is understandable that this is a transformation we approach reluctantly, yet also inevitably.

## From The Editor's Desk

To Our Readers:

Another semester has begun, and so far it seems to be off to a less traumatic beginning. Our first issue as co-editors was delayed for two days as we, the rest of the student body, our country, and the world came to grips with the horror in New York City and Washington D.C. As time passes from that defining day, life has returned to a more comfortable flow, but the impact of that Tuesday remains. Near and far, new events shape our perspective. Away from our campus, the country is at war, energy companies that had billions of dollars don't have billions of dollars anymore, and New Englanders far and wide are holding their collective breath while Patriot Nation waits for Sunday. Here on campus, the inevitable first big snow blanketed campus, elections are being held, thesis topics are revised, classes are added and dropped.

Here at *The Student*, we're excited about our second semester. We have some fantastic new pieces coming down the pipe. Old favorites are back – Bates Rates, Digitz, Question on the Quad – and new ideas are being worked on. One of our favorites is a kind of non-athletic Bobcat of the Week. Dubbed "Big Cat On Campus" it gives non-athlete Batesies a chance for fifteen minutes of fame. Best of all, it isn't decided by the two of us – you nominate your friends, classmates, and neighbors. Turn to the bottom of page 10 for more information.

We realize we won't always feel this optimistic. As the days get colder and that inevitable midsemester funk settles in, remember this. We live in a dynamic community, and busy lives move quickly. Things change. People graduate, administrations end, assignments are passed in. Through all of this, don't forget to enjoy your time at Bates. As two of our Deans learned this weekend, Batesies know how to have a good time. Don't forget this during the semester. Welcome back – it's College, live it up.

As ever, thanks for reading,  
Will and Dan

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## Smokey Room Talk

## Assessing Another Representative Assembly Election

by DOMINIC & MATEO PANGALLO  
OPINION WRITERS

After many long months, I finally returned to Bates. Some things had changed. The washers and dryers. The freshmen. Shop and Save is now Hannaford's. Sauron is amassing his power in the East (again). Walmart was put out of business by ... Super Walmart.

Some things hadn't changed. Nascar golf carts. A parking crunch. Snow. RA elections. Chicken patties.

The Ronj. Our table was as we had left it eight months ago. Round coffee-mug stains punctuated scars left from years of neglect and graffiti. I cradled my regular - a chai - and Dominick clenched his - a Tanzanian AAA blend with a teaspoon of salt. He pulled out a *Boston Globe* and opened it up.

"At last," he sighed, "a real newspaper on campus."

"Too bad they won't be covering the RA elections," I remarked sardonically.

"Don't worry," Dominick replied as he opened to the crossword, "the *Student* and the *John Galt Press* will give us plenty of up-to-date coverage on that crucial event." He opened the *Globe* to his favorite section: the crossword. As he scanned the clues he continued his rant on the

RA: "There are seventeen hundred students at this school. And there are only maybe twenty, twenty-five who give a damn about the elections. And they're the same ones who run for office, run the RA, run the papers. There is no representative student government at this school. It's a little clique, a club that people get into for a lark or for a resume pad. They want to feel important. Sub-Saharan fly, six letters?"

"Tsetse. The reason no one gives a crap about the RA elections isn't because the other sixteen hundred and seventy-five students don't care about their time at Bates," I sipped my chai, "It's because they recognize the RA for the futile waste of time that it is. They have no substantive power. They're elitist. And they're not representative."

"But every single one of the 'candidates' for office make a speech railing about those same things and how they will be 'different'. The classic complaint is that the RA is not representative. But the President and Vice President of the club isn't in any position to change that. The RA is unrepresentative because of their undue advocacy."

"What the hell is undue advocacy?" I queried.

"It's when one person in a society has more say in the governing body or the composition of

that body than another person. In our school's student government that problem is embodied in their system of representing by club and organization. Say you belong to three clubs. So, you have those three representatives, plus your two at-large reps, and your dorm rep. That's six. But, if I belong to only one club, I only have four representatives in the Assembly. Sail near the wind, starts with L?"

"Luff. Arguably, that's ok: because I do more, I should have more representation. Right?"

"Of course not. Political representation isn't comparatively quantifiable. Baker versus Carr. One man or woman, one vote. Maybe you work two jobs, but I'm unemployed; does that mean I shouldn't have a vote for Congress, but you should have two? That's bullshit. The RA can't call itself representative as long as it perpetuates a system of undue advocacy."

"It doesn't even matter if they had equal representation, though," I added. "The reps that do run the body barely consult or mirror the people that supposedly elect them. They only get re-elected because no one else wants to deal with the crap. And because their name is most recognizable on the ballots - they put up more posters, or write more for the papers - which they also happen to run."

"And once someone's elected, they don't change a thing. Those who reach the pinnacle of power have the most vested interest in preserving the system by which they came to power. Something as fundamental as term limits could deter that. A more grass-roots system of elections would help. Especially helpful would be assigning representation based on class or residency, and not by club."

I added to the list, "They could be more confrontational with the administration, or even bother to try and find out what the students opinions are - because I guarantee you most of the time they are not the same as the opinions of the RA leadership. Instead of holding forums only

around elections, forums should be held year-round. They should be polling and surveying the student body. The only thing the RA does is produce pseudo-celebrities. Look at Jay - everyone knows who he is, despite the fact that he prides himself on 'standing aloof' during contentious debates in the RA. He's a well-known name, but more through high-level exposure than through meaningful government. Still, whoever comes after him has some impressive galoshes to fill. Shakespeare once wrote, 'As in a theatre

the eyes of men, after a well-graced actor leaves the stage, are idly bent on him that enters next, thinking his prattle to be tedious.'"

"Indeed," he replied. "Arm-joint in Olde England?"

I paused and sipped my chai. "Elnboga," I replied.

"So, who are you voting for?"

"I'm doing what I'd recommend to every student: casting a blank ballot. It shows that I'm voting - I'm exercising the right the RA only so recently generously granted me, but it also shows I disapprove of my 'government' being only a club that apportions funds. The RA needs more than election reform. It needs a new form. And you?"

He laughed, "I'm not endorsing anyone. My stakes aren't high enough. I don't even know who's running. As far as politicians go, none of these people have a future in the field - they haven't made me care about the election in the slightest. And I'm the obsessed exception when it comes to politics. I look around campus and all I see is another contest between elites, straight out of high school student government."

"So, it's RA election time again," I sighed, "Some things have changed."

He folded up his paper, "Too many things haven't."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Forum Section Fails To Present Views Fairly

To the Editor:

I would like to commend RE Mansfield on an insightful critique of Jay Surdukowski's *Disasters of Love* exhibit in the Chase Hall Gallery. Ideally, the *Bates Student* represents an attempt to combat apathy by commenting on, and becoming involved in, issues pertinent to the Bates population in its local, national and global context. Quite honestly however, in recent times, my interest in this newspaper's articles has declined in direct proportion to its increasing conservatism. I found myself identifying with a freshman's observation of that trend in the *Daily Jolt*, as cited by Jay Surdukowski in *The Rise of the Right (At Bates!)* - December 4<sup>th</sup> publication. To echo that freshman's sentiments, I find that the articles published in the *Student* are rarely worth distinguishing from those of the *John Galt Press*. In fact the pervasive myopia of the *Student*'s featured columns is even less entertaining and insightful, as it is unmediated by the rhetorical sparring characteristic of the *John Galt*'s confrontational political stance.

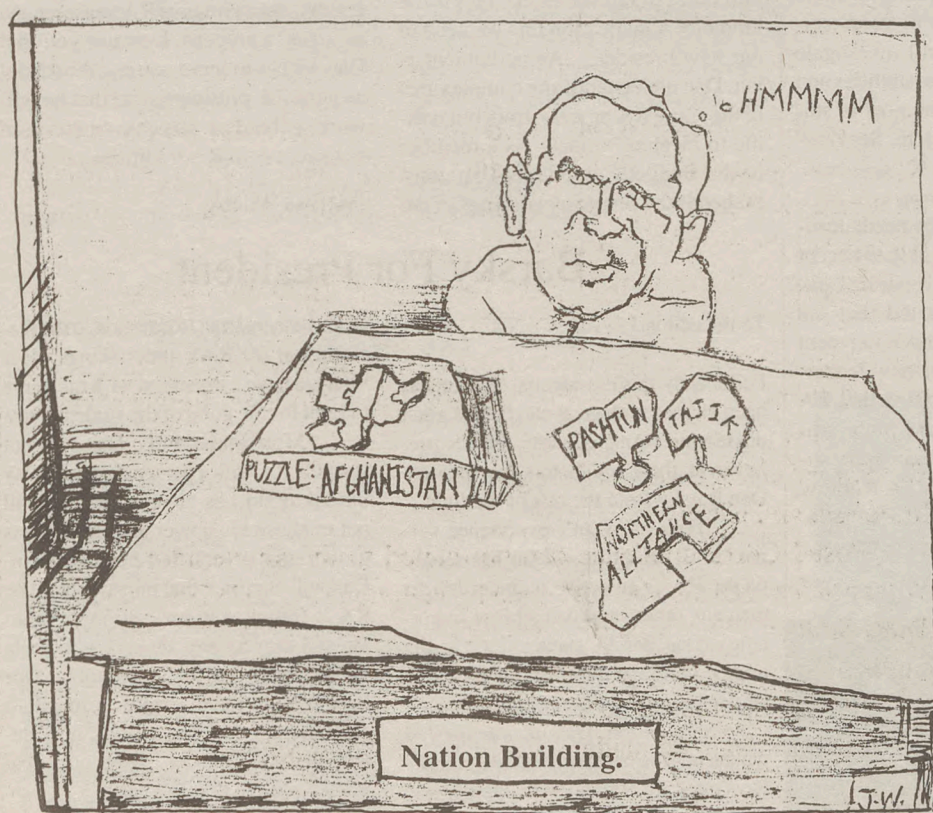
Maybe the *Bates Student* should change its name. Or perhaps the fault is mine for thinking that a school newspaper should make a pretense at

seeking out and representing the diversity of views and opinions on this campus. As many articles by the *Student*'s editors indicate, there is a boring sameness that ensues when many-sided debate is replaced by monotone monologue. I had always assumed that an element of editorial skill was facilitating rigorous argument that pits the strongest side of several viewpoints against each other. In bringing more voices to the table, editors have the (admittedly) difficult responsibility of moving beyond presenting token oppositions as nothing more than fuel for their own particularistic agendas. Quite simply put, it isn't much of a Forum when there is one obviously dominating voice.

Perhaps this is just a corollary to the lack of perspective so blatantly evident in mainstream contemporary United States media. Propaganda it seems, rather than journalistic inquiry and criticism, is the order of the day. It's what's for dinner.

Well, it is high time that the listening, reading and watching public, hold members of the media accountable for what they're serving.

-Alake Pilgrim



## BATES RATES

## Bates v. Colby Basketball Game



The Third Half rocked the stands and the Cats dominated the court of Alumni Gym on their way to a CBB title. Yeah Bates!

## New Bowls In Commons



Bigger! Rounder! Better!

## New Bartender At Pub 33



Maybe your ID will survive now ... Vermonters enter at your own risk.

## Deans Ride Along With Security Friday



Sawyer and Tannenbaum visit 77 Nichols, get skunked at Beirut and balk on the naked run.



# ELECTION PREVIEW

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## Tahsin Alam: Candidate For Vice President

I spent all of high school in my home country of Bangladesh, received the best education that money could buy, and had almost everything provided for me. A country that boasts a population of 130 million, Bangladesh is also infamous for having one of the most corrupt governments. Child labor, embezzlement, police brutality and ill minded ministers were all too familiar to me. In the society that I lived in, I could have easily turned a blind eye to all of this, and would probably never have been affected. But I chose not to. Instead I reached into the inner workings of government organizations to learn how the corruption ate away at the economy, and then exposed it all. I began a column in a local newspaper, and at first received praise for my bravery. Soon, praise turned to anger and anger to threats. Eight weeks later, the editor ceased publishing my column due to 'space constraints'. If learning of the crippled government wasn't disgusting enough, having the hand of crooked officials



shut me down made me lose faith in government all together.

Enter Bates College. The first half of my freshman year, I was too lost in the crowd of wild parties and academic work to look around. As the glitz of college life wore off, I discovered, amongst other organizations, the Representative Assembly. It wasn't long before I decided that the RA was an organization of elitists who cared more about their resumes than student life. I remember having long arguments with an RA member who tried to convince me otherwise. In a bid to prove my point, I decided to get involved in student government, and show that no matter how much I tried, I wouldn't be 'accepted'. I couldn't have been more wrong. For the first

time, I found an organization truly dedicated to the well-being of the people it represented, people who worked to build student life and create a forum for discussion and debate. This simple student government was a model that my country failed to imitate. I was hooked. I jumped right into a sea of possibilities where I could help a group of people push forward without being hindered. I wanted to be involved, I wanted to be a part of change, a part of progress.

A year later, I have served on the Committee on Committees, the Parking Permit Appeals Committee, The Presidential Search Committee, and have been the RA representative for WRBC where I currently serve as the Programming Director. I've tried to be as involved as possible, without being involved in unnecessary politics. I want to get the job done. The RA is not perfect; there are still many who would agree with my former opinions on the Assembly. This is why I ask you for your vote. Put me in a position where I can get the most done and waste little time doing it. Put me in a position where I can reach all of you and address your concerns. Vote me for RA Vice-President.

the relationship between the college and the community and submit a report to the RA detailing steps that the college and the students should undertake to improve the state of affairs.

I will continue the work done by former RA Treasurer Melissa Wilcox to involve the student body in increasing the college's endowment. It is no secret that Bates' endowment is significantly smaller than other similar institutions. The RA and the student body as a whole have had little participation in the college's drive to enlarge the fund. I move to establish the Endowment Committee, who will work in conjunction with various officers of the college to increase student involvement in the process.

Lastly, I want to create the Service-Learning Committee, which will operate with the Center for Service-Learning to give the student body more influence in all aspects of volunteering. This committee will investigate different volunteering possibilities and attempt to increase the number of students who participate in Service-Learning.

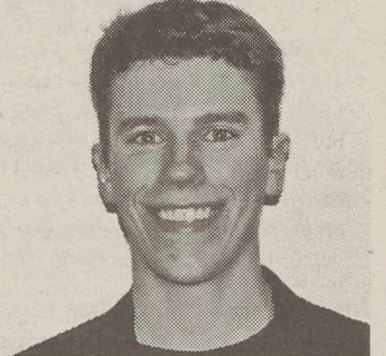
An RA in transition needs leaders who are willing and able to accept that responsibility with careful patience. Many are worried that the progress that has been made in recent years will reverse under new leadership. It is my genuine hope that RA members and the student body will continue to be optimistic about the future, and put their trust in Andrew Simon to become the next Representative Assembly Vice-President.

## Dan Barsky: Candidate For President

Greetings All,

I just wanted to write a few words for the newspaper about my candidacy for the President of the RA. My decision to run was a difficult one for me to make because I wanted to make sure that I was not only running for the right reasons but that I was also one of the best people for the job. After thinking about it for a long time, I realized that these two issues in my mind were linked together, and that I should run.

My reason for running is simple, when I joined the RA at the beginning of my sophomore year I did so because my friends thought that they were not getting heard in the RA, and they wanted things to change. They felt that I was the best person to argue on their behalf, and I did just that. I now feel that with my experience on the RA, and in different areas around campus, that I can continue to do the job that I set out to do a year and a half ago. I believe that I am the most qualified candidate running. I have been a representative, the Secretary, am currently the Parliamentarian, a member of the Budget Committee and sat on the Committee on Committees. This leaves me in the unique position of knowing the major duties of 4 of the 5 offices of the RA, the only candidate with such knowledge. This will allow me to help the 3 or 4 new officers who have no experience with the Executive Committee learn and perform their duties. I also feel that, compared to my two opponents, I have the most exposure to the administration and faculty of the school. As a junior I am the RC of Smith and co-RC of Adams. This position allows me to continually interact with two of the largest dorms on campus, as well as to sit down with the deans every week for lunch to discuss the is-



issues that the student body has. I also get to hear concerns and issues from the other RCs and JAs. As a representative to the faculty meetings I get to hear the issues that the faculty deals with every month. Both of these positions allow me to have very strong ties with the administration, and thus I can make sure that the issues of the student body are heard by the faculty and the administration.

Experience is one thing, but experience doesn't count unless it is used in actions. To this end, I have introduced a re-write of the RA constitution that broadens the membership, and takes multiple other steps to facilitate a more open RA that works much closer with the students that it represents. This constitution is a work in progress and will take some time to finish, and will only be finished with the input of every single person who feels that they have something to add. This constitution is only the first of what I hope will be many steps that I will take in the next year to open the RA up to make it truly representative. I have the experience and the desire to be the President of the RA. I have also taken the first step in moving the RA forward towards becoming even more representative. I would greatly appreciate your vote for President in this election so that I can finish the job that I started in the fall of 2000, to make sure that everybody who wants to be heard is heard.

Respectfully,  
Dan Barsky

## Barsky Has The Needed Experience

Fellow Batesies:

We all know Dan Barsky...he's the one that camped outside of Commons for days on end during the countless election times of fall semester. This is the kind of RA dedication that we need in our new president. As parliamentarian, Dan understands the complexities of the entire RA process, from bill writing to meeting format. As a member of the Budget Committee, Dan comprehends the financial workings of the

RA. As a motivated, involved Bates student, Dan has developed excellent working relationships with the people of Bates, from students to deans to trustees to dining services staff to professors. As a previous RA treasurer and as a Bates student, I ensure you that Dan wishes to serve you and the school as your RA president, and that he will work as hard as possible to carry-on our successful RA tradition.

-Melissa Wilcox

## Barsky For President

To the editor:

Fortunately, this Presidential election has been blessed with great candidates, each possessing strong qualities. There are, however, three key factors that separate Dan Barsky from the rest of the field.

First off, Dan's experience surpasses all candidates. Dan has served on the RA as an active member longer than any other candidate. More importantly, Dan Barsky stands alone as the only candidate having had multiple leadership roles in the RA.

In addition, Dan has manifested that he has the backbone to stand for the RA's integrity. Taking an unpopular role in both the election reform and the recent paper consumption amendment, Dan acted out of respect to his position

as Parliamentarian to question the feasibility of the RA's undertakings. It is vital we have a President with the nerve to fight for the good of the student body.

Most importantly, Dan will not steer the RA with a personal agenda. Jay Surdukowski has always been careful not to abuse his power and the RA has grown and diversified because of it. Dan will continue that philosophy. The RA is fortunate to have strongly opinionated movers and shakers who write numerous pieces of legislation. Our President, however, needs to maintain a balance so that the students may decide the direction we are to go. Dan Barsky will be that President.

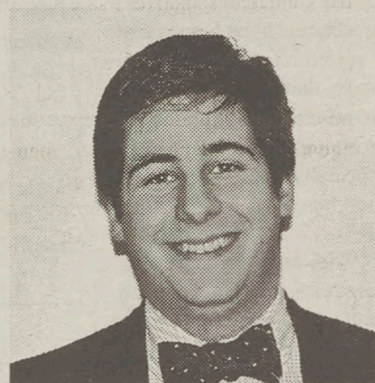
Respectfully Submitted,  
Joey Gracia

## Andrew Simon: Candidate For Vice President

Andrew Simon: The Progressive Candidate I am not running for Vice-President to boost my resume. The personal scrutiny that this job entails is too intense to undertake for the mere satisfaction of impressing would-be employers. I am running for the RA Vice-President because I believe that there are some essential facets of RA doctrine that need to be amended. Win or lose, a campaign that garners substantial school-wide attention will compel the RA to confront the issues that are discussed and debated. My primary goal of this campaign is to create fresh debate on issues that I feel are fundamental to the continued successes of the RA.

Having served on the Committee on Committees, I have come to realize the importance of an effective Vice-President. As chair, the Vice-President is responsible for seating important student and student-faculty committees from the Student Conduct Committee to the Educational Policy Committee. The Vice-President must be someone who has strong organizational skills, unparalleled patience, and a dedicated work ethic.

Additionally, the RA Vice-President must be able to voice his/her viewpoints intellectually, run efficient and informative meetings, and generally uphold the prestige the position commands. I fully understand the responsibilities of RA Vice-President and am more than willing to accept them.



This new term of RA executives will test the strength of the assembly. For the last three years, our fearless leader has delicately managed the assembly. The new President and Vice-President, whomever they may be, must lead independently of past RA leadership. Transition is not always pretty, but many times is necessary. The new leaders of the RA must approach the new responsibility thoughtfully; transforming the assembly to better fit its current state while maintaining the exceptional strides that were made during the past years.

One of the fundamental notions that all students, and RA executives especially, should remember is that the RA is primarily organized to increase student input into all aspects of the college. I propose three major provisions that will infuse the influence of the student body and the RA into areas without previous student involvement. First, I will establish an Ad-Hoc Commission on Community Relations. Discontent between students and residents of Lewiston have seemingly been permanently strained. Students have not had proper input into steps that might begin to remedy the ongoing tension. This commission will investigate

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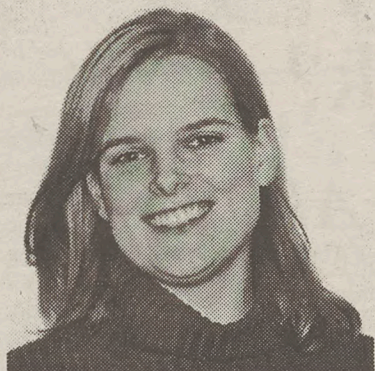


## Kate Walker: Candidate For President

My fellow students,

As I sat down to write this, I tried to think what I should say to you to urge you to vote for me, Kate Walker, for your next Representative Assembly President. One thing that came to mind was my experience. I could list experience as Secretary of the RA and on other student committees, and tell you how this work would make me a good President. I rejected this idea because all of the Presidential candidates have some experience. I have to tell you something different. So the most important things I could think of were my passion for the RA and my motivations to run for President.

Since the beginning of last year, my first year, I have been involved in the RA. I ran for an At-Large seat, just to try it out. Since then I have not been able to get enough. I love working on the RA. It gives me a chance to dedicate myself to an organization that I know is making a difference in our lives. Even though most of the students at Bates, even my friends, complain that the RA really does nothing meaningful, I know it does. I have tried to convince my friends that the RA makes their lives better, but by now I don't bother. I am at the point where I understand that it does not matter if everybody knows why Pettengill is open 24 hours during exams. What matters is that it is open and that people take advantage of it. I have realized that the students need not recognize the



role of the RA, but that the RA needs to recognize the wishes of students.

As for my motivations, I want to be President because the quality of student life here is of the utmost significance to me. After all I am a student, and I like to have a life. I cannot make grand improvements on everything, but I can make sure that parking spaces get handed out fairly, that students are able to drink if they choose, but also that Bates students aren't coming close to death from alcohol every weekend, and that the administration continues to listen to the students. These are some of the things I want to help accomplish. I say help because I do not want to rule or lead you. I want to ensure that you are able to express what's important to you. I say help because I want to get as many of you involved as possible. I want to dispel the myth that the RA is an elitist organization. I am not an elite; I am the same as any of you. I cannot do this without you, nor do I want to. One of my major motivations for running is to try to get people involved. Unfortunately, I cannot tell you everything I love about the RA or everything I would like to see the RA accomplish. I only hope I have told you enough to convince you to vote for me, Kate Walker.

## Kate Walker Brings Proven Leadership

Dear Voters-

I write to endorse Kate Walker for the presidency of the Representative Assembly. Kate's experience working for the school and serving as an RA officer, renders her a tremendously viable candidate. But Kate brings more than just her experience to the table — she is the only candidate who, as president, would foster harmony in the RA as an unbiased and universally respected president.

This election is tremendously important to the future of the student government, and Bates College. Choosing a leader whom is mired in partisan controversy, or one who is driven more by ego than a desire to serve, would prove itself, through a year of deadlock and bitterness, to be of greatest folly. While working diligently for the good of the campus, Kate will facilitate successes that will sow the seeds for future progress, instead of the seeds of animosity. Kate's experience is extensive, having served as a class rep-

resentative, on the Alcohol Policy Advisory Committee, and on the Women's Resource Center Oversight Committee. As RA Secretary, she has gained intimate knowledge of the functioning of the student government, and has worked closely with the students, deans, and trustees. Especially in her role as Secretary, Kate has proven her work ethic and competence as an RA officer. The RA has enjoyed recent years of prosperity that have been skillfully steered by its current leadership. With Jay Surdukowski and Simon Delektka going out the pasture this spring, it is crucial that the student body elect a president who has proven her commitment to continuing their spirit of cooperative productivity for the betterment of the campus. Kate Walker will thrive as the heir to their success, while injecting a new perspective and a new passion into the presidency of the student government.

Respectfully,  
Ryan Fitzgerald

## Walker Leads By Example

To the Editor:

I have been involved in the RA since my first year at Bates. I was a part of the RA before Jay became god of the RA and only eighteen students attended the meetings each week. I have seen very bad leadership in the RA before Jay was in power and I know what kind of leadership the RA needs once he is gone. Kate Walker was in my first year center last year and she impressed me the first day that I met her. She helped her fellow students when they needed someone to

talk to and brought smiles to peoples faces when she made center breakfasts. Kate is very organized and a hard worker. She is one of the hardest workers that I have come across in the RA. She has served as secretary of the RA over the last year and has done a very fine job. She is a very kind friend and determined to get the business of the RA done. Kate is in my opinion the best person for the job of president of the RA and should lead the RA in the challenges that face the campus.

Nicholas Kuppens

## Graham Veysey: Candidate For President

Dear Fellow Members of the Student Body,

The upcoming election for the Representative Assembly President is important and deserves attention from all members of this community. Because of a recently passed amendment to the RA Constitution, this election will be open to every member of the student body and held over an extensive period of time. The amendment on election reform ensures that the next President is one elected by the majority of the student body. As one of the co-authors of that amendment, I believe that the election reform is a step in the direction that the Assembly should continue to take. The RA should not be an Assembly for just its members, but rather an Assembly for all students. Each member of the student body should be informed and active in the student government. This election decides who will set the pace for the Assembly in the year to come. The next President needs to possess experience, a vision for the RA, versatility, and the ability to fulfill the official duties of the job.

Since coming to Bates I have become active in the RA, twice being elected as the 2004 class representative. In that position I have represented my constituents to the best of my ability by writing progressive legislation and attending every meeting. Electing representatives is a task everyone in a democracy should have the ability to do with ease. Therefore, as already stated, I have worked to reform the RA election laws. Collaborating with the many factions within the RA, I helped write and pass the current election format. This step optimizes the participation of the student body. Besides



election reform I wrote various legislation ranging from the subject of student representation on the Presidential Search Committee to paper reduction as an environmental initiative. I have also taken on the responsibilities of various committees. Currently, I am a sitting member on the Presidential Search Committee, the President's Advisory Committee, and the Committee on Committees.

Besides the experience to do the job right, I have a vision for the RA that is unparalleled by my opponents. I see an Assembly in the year to come where all the students on this campus are involved and informed. In order to accomplish that many things need to occur. First, information about the Assembly needs to be at the fingertips of the entire student body. Therefore I propose that the RA establishes a website, one that includes the following things: a virtual suggestion board; an RA forum where current issues can be discussed and debated; copies of the RA Constitution, the By-Laws, passed legislation, and pending legislation; the agenda and minutes for the meetings; contact information for all the executives and representatives in the RA; and finally instructions on how to get involved and write legislation. Secondly, the RA needs to be more open. I propose that the Sunday night executive-agenda setting meetings be open to everyone. Furthermore, just as most professors, the RA office needs to hold

consistent office hours. The office should be seen as a space in which any student business can be done.

Moreover, I can bring to the presidency versatility that sets me apart from my opponents. I am not a one-dimensional guy. I am involved in many facets of the Bates and Lewiston communities. I am a council member of the Outing Club, one of the Co-coordinators of the Catholic Student Community, a member of the Environmental Coalition, Jewish Cultural Community, and an actor for the Robinson Players. I also spend time off campus in the Lewiston Community as the head coach for the Longley basketball team and as a Bates Buddy. The next RA president needs to be able to relate to all aspects of the college community.

Finally, the president needs to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the Constitution. The three main responsibilities are chairing the meetings, presenting the Assembly's budget, and, along with the Vice President, choosing an Executive Committee and a Student Committee on Committees. As chair, I would be fair, open-minded, approachable, and seek consensus whenever possible. The budget would be done in consultation with many members of the student body and in accordance with all budgetary rules. At last, I think I would be extremely effective in soliciting a diverse pool of applicants for both the Executive Committee and the Committee on Committees. The more diverse the pool of applicants, the more representative the committees will become. In conclusion, I thank you for taking time to read this. The time is upon all of you to pick the next RA President. If you have any questions feel free to call (777-7975) or email me (gveysey@bates.edu).

Many Thanks, Graham  
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## Veysey Brings Proven Leadership

Letter to the editor:

Graham Veysey should be the next RA president because he is an outgoing open-minded person with a great sense of humor. During the last year and a half at Bates, Graham has shown great interpersonal skills as he seeks to reach a wide spectrum of people across the Bates campus. He is always asking questions, wanting to hear people's opinions on the issues

faced on campus and in the world. As most-know, Graham also participates in an array of activities including the Outing Club, theater, Catholic Coalition, Presidential Search committee, and many others. Within each of these activities, Graham always has a way of making people laugh and building energy in those around him. I am sure that Graham would use his great personality as president of the RA to engage the other members.

## Graham Veysey Has The Character To Lead The RA

To the Bates Community:

In leaving Bates College after this semester, I would like to see that the RA is in good hands. This letter is for the endorsement of Graham Veysey for RA President. In his year and a half here at Bates, Graham has made a mark for himself as a leader and a friend to all. His ability to create relationships

with many different types of students and groups here on campus makes him a perfect candidate for the top seat in the RA, as President. I agree fully with Graham's ideas on the RA and its direction and am in full support for his election.

Graham Veysey has proven his worthiness of the position as RA President. He has devoted himself to poli-

tics here at Bates, and is a familiar face to all. His ideas on the direction of the RA coincide with my own, and I assure all that his character is as flawless as his ability to direct the RA. As a senior here I see no other student that is more qualified for this position than Graham Veysey.

-David Katona '02  
off campus representative Co-chair.

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# How Was Your Break?

## The Question That Haunts Us All

by TIM CASTOR  
HUMOR WRITER

Although it appears as if I have once again reacclimated myself to life at Bates College (that is, I have resumed my routine of wearing sandals in the shower, falling on my ass at least once a day, and thinking), it was only a little while ago that I was reaping the rewards that one can only attain during winter break. While many of life's pleasurable activities, such as sex and communicating via a cell phone, can be undertaken at any moment in time, there are more refined pleasures that can only be achieved during the three-week period when the nights are long, the trees are especially bare, and the ageless stallion that is Dick Clark receives more air time on the Weather Channel than a cumulonimbus (I can now check off the following on my life's to-do list: #7—Use any term gleaned from sixth grade science class). It is the ability to wear sweatpants, bond with old friends whom you have ignored for the past four months, and sit on an old, fat man's lap without negative ramifications that makes winter break such an enjoyable experience.

Due to the fact that winter break is more fun-filled than a commercial starring Carrot Top (my mother=92s favorite kitchen mop actually served as his stunt double in one of his critically acclaimed works), I always find it quite saddening when I am required to return to campus in early

January. Now, if I only had to cope with being unable to don my new orange sweatpants on a regular basis, it would probably only take three boxes of Kleenex and a poem published by Jewel to remedy the situation. What makes the reacclimation at the beginning of second semester so trying is that, along with being unable to indulge in many of life's higher pleasures, one is exposed to a phrase that is more frightening than Cuba Gooding Jr.'s upcoming film (I am going to go out on a limb and predict that talking dog #3 will clean up at next year's Oscars).

Even though it is only four simple words, the question "How was your break?" has been more damaging to my psyche than an MTV VJ or the sugar-free cookie (yes, I would like your tastiest desert...but be sure to hold the taste). For about the entire first week of second semester, I cannot help but find myself cowering under my Care Bear bed sheets for hours at a time. I dare not leave my room, for if I do, I will most certainly encounter someone with whom I have not spoken since the previous semester. If, God for-

bid, such a rendezvous were to take place, I would be subjected to the following novel conversation: Random Acquaintance #48: "Hey, Tim."

Me: "Hi, how's it going?"

Random Acquaintance #48 (seemingly ignoring my insightful query): "How was your break?"

*"Furthermore, this question, rather than being subtly introduced during a conversation, must be the first thing that is said when two people run into one another."*

Me (acting like the respectful person that I am): "It was okay. How was yours?"

Random Acquaintance #48: "It was good....well, I'll see you later."

Now, before I proceed any further, let me point out that I am not totally against Batesies disclosing their winter break experiences to other Batesies, as such disclosure is more vital to our survival as human beings than sliced bread (believe me, all hell breaks loose when you are dealing with marshmallow fluff and an unsliced loaf of bread). What really bothers me is that it seems as if people feel the need to pose the "How was your break?"

question to every person that they encounter upon returning from break, regardless of the context in which the encounter occurs. Furthermore, this question, rather than being subtly introduced during a conversation, must be the first thing that is said when two people run into one another. For example, if, at the beginning of second semester, an acquaintance of mine happened to be traversing across the quad while I was prancing naked in a snow bank in front of Hathorn (there really is not enough naked prancing on that part of campus), he or she, rather than asking me why the hell I was prancing naked in the snow would first ask, "How was your break?" Only after ensuring that I had an enjoyable winter vacation would the person even consider to question my display of unbridled nakedness.

Basically, upon returning to campus, every member of the Bates community is given a script, a script that allots the same hackneyed line to every character in the performance we call "Bates College at the Beginning of Second Semester" (Otherwise known as, "Hey, look! We now have enough sand in our dorm room to qualify as a beach."). It is almost as if, by some twist of fate more bizarre than a Saturday in which I do not have to narrowly escape stepping in vomit, each Batesie is able, if only for a few short days, to come as close as humanly possible to realizing his or her dream of playing the role of the rock in your favorite 3rd grade play (you always know that you are witnessing a memorable performance when the lead is someone who eats his own boogers and looks up to individuals who only wear boots and underwear to work...maybe that last description was not informative enough). While the inability of the playwright who pens the script for us Batesies results in a very dry and uneventful performance, I guess we can always take solace in the fact that no one will ever forget his or her lines.

### Life In My Reality

## A Tribute To Ms. Miller

by MATT SCHERZER  
HUMOR WRITER

In high school, I enrolled in public speaking class. Little did I know the warm-ups consisted of deep breathing, unusual tongue stretches and a do-re-mi roller-coaster-kaleidoscope of unheard of noises. One day, I recited the words "cotton" and "rural" fifteen times each. The next thing you know, I am in an abandoned room presenting a persuasive argument to a free-standing Sony camera.

My teacher Ms. Miller had wavy and white thinning hair, which was doing impressive acrobatic stunts toward the back of her head, a sight closely paralleling her zany style. With her thick belt buckle pulled halfway up her rib cage, clinging closely to a dark and long cloth dress dating from the 1950s, she stuck out like a Christmas sweater with bells. This elderly spitfire responded to a student's question by running erratically out of the classroom and screaming with her arms flailing in the air, "God help me now!" Refusing to use a computer, Ms. Miller insisted that the typewriter "fad" would never die.

But without a doubt, it was her thoughtful commentaries which made the lasting impression. Even now whenever I speak, I can still see this jolly plump woman scrunched into a school desk with one hand on an oversized digital stopwatch and the other hand zealously jotting down notes.

Certainly, she helped improve my public speaking skills. If I were asked to speak, before enrolling in the class, my eyes would wander and spin about the room like a kite swept up in a tornado. My hands would jitter, my voice would shake, and my face would turn the bloodiest red. Now if I speak for five minutes, at least fifty percent of my audience will still be awake when

I finish. Don'tt get me wrong though, no one will confuse me with Cicero.

Sometimes I wish I had a golden voice like Dan Rather or James Earl Jones. Recently I heard such a voice. I was riding the Metro - Red Line to Shady Grove. It was the conductor. When he uttered the immortal line "This is Metro Center," I thought, "What a waste of talent. At the very least, this guy should be reading books on tape." However, no one shared my enthusiasm (women played with their hair, men looked out the window). I guess they never took a public speaking class with Ms. Miller.

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Percent drop, since 1992, in handgun related murders in New York City.

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Percent increase of handgun related violence in London since private handgun ownership was legally banned in 1997.



## Noted Theologian To Speak On MLK Day

James H. Cone, America's pre-eminent black theologian, is the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day observances at Bates College. Scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, in Alumni Gymnasium, Cone's address is part of a celebration of King's life and work that includes performances, workshops and a debate between Bates and Morehouse College.

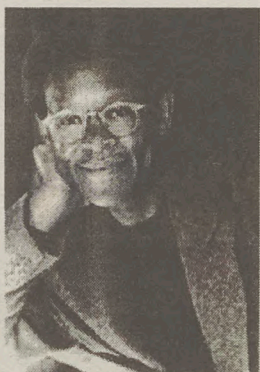
"Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" is the theme for this year's King Day programming at Bates. The observance begins on the eve of the holiday, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, with a worship service in the College Chapel, on College Street. The Rev. Joan Martin, of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., offers a sermon on the theme "Not Fear, Not Safety, But Courage." Performances include dance and singing by Bates students.

Titled "Martin, Malcolm and America," Cone's address opens a day of events on King Day itself. Cone's renown as a pioneer in the black theology movement, which relates African-American religious thought to the struggle for social and economic justice, began with the first of his 11 books, 1969's "Black Theology and Black Power." Cone is an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church

and is the Charles A. Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at the Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Student debaters from Bates and Morehouse colleges square off on a civil rights topic at 12:45 p.m. in Chase Hall Lounge. The match has historic resonance for both schools, which share a continuing commitment to collaborative projects. The nation's largest liberal arts college for men, Morehouse was Martin Luther King Jr.'s alma mater. One of its longtime presidents was a Bates graduate and accomplished debater, Benjamin Mays, of the class of 1920. Mays was a lifelong adviser to the great civil rights leader and gave the eulogy for the assassinated King in 1968.

During the afternoon at locations in Pettengill Hall, concurrent workshops examine issues relating to civil rights and social justice, with sessions starting at 2 and 3:10 p.m. Workshop themes include King's record as an anti-racist activist and a presentation on images of Is-



James H. Cone

lam in the American media. Presenters include Bates faculty, the Rev. Joan Martin of Episcopal Divinity School, and members of the student civil rights teams at Auburn Middle School and Lewiston High School, who will discuss the progress of their work.

Also in Pettengill, in Room G21, a member of Bates' American cultural and African American studies faculty and his father offer a presentation about a seminal American theologian at 4:30 p.m. As part of the "Spiritual Journeys: Stories of the Soul 2001-02 Series," Associate Professor John McClendon III and John McClendon II will present the program "African American Mysticism: A Father and Son's Spiritual Journey With Contemporary Mystic Howard Thurman." Thurman (1900-81) was a champion of intercultural understanding and a powerful influence on King and other civil rights leaders. John McClendon II founded and directs the McClendon Institute for Learning, which provides educational and daycare services in Dayton, Ohio.

The King Day celebration concludes with performances at 7:30 p.m. in the Olin Arts Center Concert Hall. From New York comes Naturally Seven, an award-winning a cappella singing group that performs gospel and R&B influenced by hip-hop, jazz and classical sensibilities. Joining them is a troupe of Bates dancers with an original piece commissioned for King's birthday and directed by Lewiston hip-hop choreographer W. Barry Dean.

### ALSO IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Sunday, January 20, 7 p.m. in the Chapel the Rev. Dr. Joan Martin will deliver the sermon "Not Fear, Not Safety, But Courage." Music will be performed by the Deansmen and Northfield. Students will also perform a dance and a dramatic interpretation. Please attend a reception for Dr. Martin following the service at 8:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

The Bates College Education Department and Center for Service Learning are looking for student, staff, and faculty volunteers to participate in the annual Martin Luther King Day Read-In. Readers will share a book with a diversity theme with a 4th, 5th, or 6th grade student at Martel School in Lewiston. They will then give the book to the child to keep. Dates are Wednesday, January 23rd or Thursday, January 24 from 1:00-2:00 each day. You may choose the day you prefer. We will need more readers on Wednesday.

## Proposal Before Faculty Aims To Change Mandatory Attendance On First Day Of Classes

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changes, however, because the rule provides an invaluable tool for allowing students on waiting lists into limited enrollment classes. Physics Professor Eric Wollman pointed out that the statistic of 67% of professors not returning rosters was for professors of all classes and that the rate of return is presumably much higher among faculty teaching limited enrollment classes.

Professor of Religion and Environmental Studies Carl Straub, chimed in against the bill to highlight one additional

reason the rule is in place. Straub, who helped pen the first-day rule in 1993 explained, "This rule was not put in place primarily for registration purposes but to ensure that the entire college community starts off the semester together. Many students were not coming back together, and this is so they can't extend their ski vacations a few days."

Expressing a similar sentiment, Professor of Economics Anne Williams noted "Students don't feel it's necessary to attend class as often as I feel it's necessary." She said that students should especially have to be there on the first day if they want to take the course.

Professor of Art Pamela Johnson also expressed the importance of building a class culture on the first day. She noted that the first day, even the first minutes of class, are crucial to developing standards for the semester, and explained she will drop students who are significantly late on the first day and admit those who made the effort to appear on time.

Some professors wavered on the topic and believed educating students about dropping and ensuring courses are dropped promptly are the most important issues.

Education Professor Anne Dodd admitted that when she handed in her class roster, "I didn't know I was dropping anybody from the course. I didn't think that list did anything!"

In a passionate but humorous protest, professor of biology Eli Minkoff said of the bill: "We could use the same argument to deny Americans the right to vote. Just because a lot of people don't exercise it doesn't mean it should be taken away."

The EPC will consider the feedback it received and report back to the faculty with another recommendation.

## Robert Earl Keen To Perform At Winter Carnival

by ERICA LOFTIS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As part of this year's Winter Carnival, Bates Activities Council (formerly the Chase Hall Committee) is proud to present an evening with Robert Earl Keen and special guest Willy Porter. Making a unique appearance in the New England area, Keen is kicking off his Wild Shiner Nights tour through the Northeast. With a huge college to middle age following, his concerts south of the Mason Dixon line have sold out in venues of 100 thousands. It is a great pleasure to announce his appearance in our small atmosphere at such inexpensive ticket prices.

Keen's music has been classified as anything from alternative country to Americana folk. The singer/songwriter has the talent of Hank Williams on the guitar, the voice of Jimmy Buffet, complicated lyrics like Bob Dylan, and the charisma of Johnny Cash. He sings of stories from his college life back at Texas A&M University with his roommate Lyle Lovett, girls at the local bar, and the alcoholics of the extended family. It is often said, Keen writes about the uncomfortable situations we are always surrounded with but never want to discuss. Between his rich songs, Keen talks cheerfully about his diverse past and how he reached success in the music industry. Having early jobs as a pizza deliveryman and ranch hand for his college landlord, audiences are able to look inside the man and genuinely feel happy for his achievements.

His band of close life long friends accompanies Keen both on the road and in the studio. Rich Brotherton on guitar, Bill Whitbeck on bass, Tom VanSchaik on drums, and Marty Muse on steel guitar. Together they might be considered untraditional and outside the norm, but it is the humanity on their face as they play and the laugh in their voice as they sing that touches your heart and makes the experience unforgettable.

With special guest Willy Porter the two make a perfect match. Porter who also is coined as an unconventional songwriter with a Skynardesque talent on the guitar started out small in the clubs of Madison, Wisconsin. He too conveys more than just sound waves with his audience. With something between rock and pop, Porter writes from his heart. Unfortunately because Porter has so masterfully balanced between any one traditional genre of music, his success has slipped through the cracks of extremes. He is truly an undiscovered jewel. A mixture of rock, pop, and folk music echoes from the guitars of Willy Porter and his band.

I invite all to come out this Friday night to enjoy an evening with Robert Earl Keen and special guest Willy Porter in the Grey Cage as part of Bates annual Winter Carnival festivities. Tickets are \$5 on campus and \$12 off campus. Doors open at 7pm.

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## DEANS ARE KEEPING UP APPEARANCES ON BATES SOCIAL SCENE

### Sawyer, Tannenbaum Highlight Success Of First Security Ride

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Student Activities, Tannenbaum says "... I'm here a lot of nights and weekends, and I regularly see people at their worst as well as at their best."

According to the email announcing the deans' ride along, the deans took this initiative in response to decreased civility among students and between students and security since September. In the announcement, the deans noted, "Verbal abuse and threats, gratuitous violence, non-compliance with requests from security officers, have been more in evidence since September than ever before. When

*Dean Sawyer had similar observations of students' reactions to the deans arriving in residences, saying most students responded "With curiosity. Some were perplexed, and others asked us to join the party."*

we all would have expected more caring and respect for others in the aftermath of September 11, the opposite has been true at Bates."

Tannenbaum and Sawyer maintain that the primary goal of the tours will be to gain a more thorough perspective of student life on the weekends. Sawyer described the deans' intentions as "... very simple. To get a better understanding of student life after 10:30."

The deans followed security officers on their typical duties last Friday night, responding to noise complaints, routine blue-slip checks, and even a Small House fire alarm. The deans even went to an off-campus party when security was called there by the Lewiston Police Department for a noise complaint. Although the deans' primary intentions are to view students' lives, they are also eager to get a sneak peek of security officers' jobs as well.

Security supervisor Chris Cuevas couldn't be reached for comment Monday, both Tannenbaum and Sawyer believed security officers are appreciative of the deans' interest, both in their daily work and in students' behavior. In consideration of the abuse security has faced from students in the past, Tannenbaum added, "It's good to be there for security."

Dean Sawyer said "It was very interesting to see how security interacts with students. I think [the officers] appreciate it."

While the deans of students have all agreed to spend two hours riding with security, Sawyer and Tannenbaum rode with officers from 10:30 p.m. until nearly 2 a.m. last Friday. After all of the deans have taken their tours, they will convene to discuss their observations but there is no word as to whether they may propose specific policy changes as a result of what they see on weekend nights.

## Perry Atrium Is *Not* Falling Down



Christina Dove/The Bates Student

*Desks by the windows in Perry Atrium were cordoned off with caution tape last week as workers repaired heating ducts beneath. Reports that the atrium was structurally flawed and caving in were unsubstantiated.*

## Student Leader Elections Begin

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representative, RA Secretary, and Parliamentarian. Barsky also announce a completely rewritten constitution for the RA that, if elected, he would pursue in order to streamline the RA process. Barsky stated that his time as an RC of Smith and Adams Hall gave him input from students and the chance to interact with Deans and Administration members.

Graham Veysey, currently the RA representative for the class of '04, spoke next. Veysey spoke of the need to elect an experienced candidate for president. He described his time working as an RA representative who wrote "progressive legislation and attended every meeting." Veysey spoke of "a vision of the Assembly ... where every single student is active and informed." He proposed an RA website that would include a discussion board, forum, the bylaws of the RA, upcoming legislation, contact information, instructions on how to get involved and write legislation. Veysey also pledged to create open office hours at a regular time each week and to make the Sunday night executive board meeting open to all students.

Kate Walker, the current RA secretary, spoke of the current election as a time of transition. She alluded to the impending graduation of key seniors as reason to be particularly careful in this election. Several prominent RA members are graduating this spring, including RA President Jay Surdukowski. Surdukowski, in two terms as RA president, has been a key catalyst for RA action.

Following the candidates speeches, students asked the candidates a variety of questions. Voting for this round ends after dinner Wednesday, with the final election in two weeks.

## Visiting Professors Join The Faculty Ranks At Bates

by DAVID WELIVER  
NEWS EDITOR

Bates welcomes several new visiting faculty members this winter, all of whom were introduced by department chairs at Monday's faculty meeting. Stephen Gensemer is a Bates alumnus who is returning to teach physics after earning his Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut. He will be at Bates for two and a half years.

Jualynne Dodson joins the African American Studies/American Cultural Studies department after meeting Bates professors studying in Cuba. Dodson teaches the sociol-

ogy of religion at the University of Colorado at Boulder and will be visiting Bates for the year.

Eliot Smith is another alum returning to teach. Smith graduated from Bates after a career as a professional musician, went on to earn his Ph.D. at S.U.N.Y. Buffalo, and will be teaching a history class on U.S. Popular Culture.

Mark and Terry Silber are guests in the Environmental Studies Department this semester where they are teaching a class titled "Working the Land: Thirty Years of Labor and Discovery on a Small Farm in Maine." The local farmers will also be giving presentations to include the entire college community.

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## Sometimes It IS Easier Being Green: Thoughts on Green Architecture

by John D. Lichtman  
STAFF WRITER

*Over the course of the past few years, Bates College has been collecting information in order to create a campus center which will best serve the Bates community. There has been a large amount of support for this center within the student body, and there have been several student, faculty and staff committees put together to aid in the planning of this endeavor. At the coming Trustee's meeting in January, these committees will submit a joint proposal for a Campus Center.*

*At the trustee meeting last January, several students made a presentation to the Board of Trustees regarding Green Architecture and the benefits of it. Since that time, there has been talk throughout the students, faculty and staff of the College, regarding the possibilities of the Campus Center being a Green Building. To some this is anticipated, while to others this word is a bit perplexing, the following article is an attempt to discuss what the inclusion of Green Architecture within a building means.*

Green architecture is a method of design that has been gaining support over the course of the past few decades due to its financial, social and ecological benefits.

Two years ago the architect William

McDonough came to Bates College and gave a lecture titled "The NEXT Industrial Revolution." He spoke of the unnecessary financial strains, and the ecological and social degradation that is occurring as a result of the current method of industrial design. This industrial design which he referred to was not limited to that of factories, but rather the method of design which has become the standard practice in the United States (and other countries) since the Industrial Revolution. This alternative form of architecture, that McDonough is part of and referring to, is Green Architecture.

Green architecture is a method of architecture that is currently speckling the earth in its practice, especially throughout Colleges and Universities, some examples being Brown, Dartmouth, Middlebury, Montana State University at Bozeman, Northland College, Oberlin College, and the University of California. So what is this design, and why are corporations and institutions, such as The Gap, switching into this method of design?

For many businesses, one answer to this question is that, this method of design is saving money, benefiting people, and preserving our environment without necessarily compromising comfort or aesthetics. All Green Architects differ in their methods in which they achieve these results. However, one of the leading institutional advocates of Green Architecture, the Rocky

Mountain Institute in Colorado, has devised some easy wording to understand the foundations of this movement. The mentality needed for green design:

-Whole systems thinking:

Whole-systems thinking is a process through which the interconnections between systems are actively considered.

-Front-loaded design:

Design which incorporates ecological and social considerations at the beginning of the process.

-End-use/least-cost considerations:

It identifies how to achieve the greatest benefits at the least cost in financial, social and environmental terms.

-Teamwork:

A fully open and inclusive process.

Whereas the Specific elements of Green Design are:

- Design to fit the site
- Design to foster community
- Design for resource efficiency
- Design for a healthful indoor environment
- Design for adaptability
- Design for durability and easy maintenance

To achieve these goals, there are Green Architects, some of which have received LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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## PBR ME ASAP

by ADAM STERN  
and DAN DRISCOLL  
CONTRIBUTING DRUNKS

Welcome back to campus and happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable three weeks off from the grind and had the opportunity to indulge in some quality brews. We returned to campus this semester to find Bates pretty much the same, with only a few changes. Snow on the ground, new classes, and returning friends from abroad are some of these changes, while the desire to drink quality brew is exactly the same as before. We strolled back from one of our now shrinking numbers of Commons dinners on Friday evening, and took a nice leisurely jaunt down Bardwell Street, reflecting and contemplating about our futures as well as the decision to purchase good beer. We then crossed the fine legal boundary between Bates and the beer-selling world and entered into Russell Street Variety. We reached into the cooler and pulled out some brew. The beverage we selected this week, while similar to others, stands a little taller. Like a captain on the deck of his ship the sixer of Pabst Blue Ribbon pounders commanded us to purchase them, and hence begin our familiar process once again.

Through chance and perhaps astrological alignment, PBR went on sale at Shaws the same day Docta turned 21 sophomore year. This is when we found the best cheap beer ever created by mortals. At a cost comparable with the lowliest swill, Pabst competes with the finest imported European lagers. Now for some brief info which we all know you will love!

A German immigrant brewer Jacob Best and his four sons first opened up the Pabst brewery on Chestnut Street hill in Milwaukee in 1844 when Wisconsin was still a United States Territory. The original brew kettle only had a capacity of just eighteen barrels. In the mid 1850's Phillip Best decided to expand and opened up a branch office and warehouse in Chicago. During one of the many Lake Michigan boat trips to Chicago, Phillip and his daughter Maria became acquainted with Frederick Pabst, a steamship captain. He took an interest in Maria and in 1862 they were married. In 1873 Captain Pabst became President of the company and increased the output from

5,000 barrels a year to 100,000 barrels. Ahhh, such a sweet story! Today, the Pabst Brewing Company markets a variety of different brands of brew. Each variety is meant to satisfy the many tastes of America. These brands include Old Milwaukee, Schaefer, Schlitz, Stroh's, Schmidt's, Rainier, Old Style, Lone Star, Colt 45, St. Ides, Special Export, and of course PBR! Pabst Blue Ribbon was selected as America's best in 1893, and is available, in "Tallboys," cans and bottles. Kudos to www.pabst.com.

To those of you whose short-term memory was impaired over break (we feel for you), or for those of you abroad last semester, here's our rating system one more time. It is based on a scale from 1 to five Kegs. 1 Keg equals schwag (carbonated piss) while 5 Kegs indicates quality brew

### Pabst Blue Label

**Taste:** 3 Kegs. A very pleasant experience for a clear beer.

**Texture:** 4 Kegs. Smooth baby smooth. It is very light to the palette and won't induce the gag reflex.

**Bouquet:** 3 Kegs. With a lack of any hideous odor like metal or other chemicals it crosses the finish line, but definitely not at the front of the pack.

**Drinkability:** 4 Kegs. Light, deliciously tasteful and smooth, PBR won't let you down and will remain in your hand throughout the night. Like all alcoholic beverages it will eventually impair judgment but in a more of a controlled manner unlike ice beers or malt liquor.

**Price:** 4 Kegs. \$2.99 for a six-pack with four extra ounces per can, and given its taste and drinkability, excels PBR up and above all other brews!

**Buzz Factor:** 3 Kegs. A normal brew while not overpowering will get you to your destination, and will develop a warm feeling down inside of your stomach.

**The Next Morning:** 1 keg. Whether you get this brew in the variety of draft, bottle, or can, the end is the same unfortunate result: Headache and many churging and gurgling sounds down below. Please stock plenty of Pepto-Bismol.

(dankness of beverage). Each beer is rated in terms of Taste, Texture (smoothness and physical characteristics), Bouquet, Drinkability (how many may be consumed), Price, Buzz factor and The Next Morning.

Qualitative Experience:

This is one of the true "American Beers"...the kind of beer that has brought us through wars and droughts. It is also one of those beers that you either love or you hate. For us, when consumed extremely cold, we found it crisp and refreshing. It doesn't leave you with dry mouth like the rest of the beers in its class, and it kicks on tap. PBR is a good thirst quencher and is a good taster. While light in taste it is stronger than other cheap beers. Pabst does have an extremely pale body. When poured into a glass you see it's pale yellow color, and many would argue that not much was invested into making and preparing the beer. The Ribbon's flavor is unique, but the beer connoisseurs out there might find it somewhat diluted and missing any significant zip. The carbonation is not overpowering and allows the beer to pass down your throat without any obstacles, which allows the alcohol to make a beeline to the liver.

If you are looking to drink something casually, or to get completely rocked, and don't have such a picky taste selection, then we recommend at least trying a six-pack of tallboys since it is great for you and your wallet. There is also some unexplained force or authoritative feeling when drinking from one of these cans. However with this said, you must respect the power of the PBR. If consumed in excess, and you accidentally forget to re-hydrate, you will experience significant repercussions the next day, which can be disastrous. Motor skills are still slowed, headaches, pains throughout the entire body, and waves of nausea are just a few of the side effects. Respect!

So when you are thinking of which beer to purchase for Newman Day this Friday (not that we support or endorse this event in any way), do not rule Pabst out of contention as it performs quite well. PBR definitely takes home the blue ribbon in our book. It has found a spot in our hearts and it isn't stopping the blood flow! Next week we will review another quality brew, but until then please drink responsibly and always in moderation. Remember: There is no bad beer; there is better beer...but never bad beer. Cheers!

## LONG ROAD TO LAS VEGAS

by CHARLES ANTIN  
STAFF WRITER

Airplane bathrooms are for thinking. Lock yourself in there, have a pee, and think about fertile excrement raining down on the people below, leaving a swath of cholera miles wide. At least that's the way it used to be. Now, of course, the idea of a holding tank is far less romantic. I could almost see the dollar bills, hundreds of them swirling around in that blue stuff being sucked down the toilet. And for what? Flight school? Goddamn I thought, what am I doing here? \$5 bloody Marys and the pasta or the chicken? Impressive neither on the way in nor on the way out. At least I can get properly sloshed in a cabin pressurized close to the brain damage point. Maybe someday I'll make it to first class where the windows are smaller and the oxygen masks work.

I was on my way to California, La Verne, California, to fly for 40 hrs in 10 days and eventually receive an instrument rating (you know, the thing that JFK Jr. didn't have). But I still couldn't believe I was actually going through with this.

I went back to my seat next to Elaine; she works on mortgages for a bank based in Cincinnati.

"You're Jewish, right?" she said hopefully.

"What?" I shot back, confused, my mind now planning how I was going to land this bird when terrorists tried to bring it down. Delta flight eight one zero sqwack seven five zero zero to SoCal approach, Omar's already killed two aging flight attendants and is threatening to kill more, but don't wake the wife and kids, I've got the plane now.

"Yeah, I'm Jewish, or half I guess, but it's on my father's side."

This was enough for Elaine and she turned towards me, as much as her economy class seat would allow.

"Let me tell you something," she said quietly, whether intentionally or not I can't be sure. "I flew into Providence, just a few days ago, now I'm on my way back LA. Flying into Green the pilot flew real low, over some residential area, and banked the plane so we were looking at all the Christmas lights down there. Horribly tacky I'm telling you. I don't trust them, I don't trust them one bit."

"Oh," I nodded to the woman walking down the aisle, "Ma'am, could I have some more of these little packaged cheeses, I think I'm going to become a vegetarian." The flight attendant complied and Elaine went on.

"Honey, let me tell you something. Stay away from those free-range chickens. Free-range isn't anything but eating insects and taking exercise, and chickens weren't meant to do either. Stay away from free-range chickens. And pork."

My eyes widened and I said, "excuse me, Elaine, but I've got to go to the lavatory again. I have to pee, you see." So I picked up my surplus of small packaged cheddars and headed back to the lavatory, stopping on the way to ask the flight attendant if perhaps I could have a variety pack.

"May I ask why you need so much cheese?" the flight attendant, old and false, asked. This is my chance I thought. Confuse her enough and she won't notice if I spend the remainder of the flight and landing in the lavatory.

"Well," I began, "When I was twelve growing up in Vermont, I was a rather feeble footed fellow, I was often tired and had a miserable bronchial condition. Coming home from running errands for mom I slipped and plunged, ass first, into a drainage ditch filled to the brim with pig parts and silt. The damned water was tearing along at quite a clip and try as I might I couldn't swim against it, nor could I get my footing or climb up the slippery bank walls. So I just careened on, sure my life was over, towards a fast oncoming pipe through which the water could run its course to the ocean. Of course to reach

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## About Cheese and the Lavatory

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this pipe would be certain death for my small twelve year-old frame—I would be sucked into it immediately and drowned long before it opened again. However, gasping for breath amongst the pig intestines and other assorted refuse and whatnot my hand eventually came to lay upon the wheel of cheese I had bought for mom earlier. Luckily this regal wheel of Cheddar, the finest cheese in all the land, was precisely identical in diameter to the pipe at which I was being rapidly carried. You know the rest, the cheese blocked the way and I was able to climb to safety as the water rose in the ditch."

The flight attendant looked sad but let me go on my way, no further questions asked. The rest of the flight was uneventful, of course, as we can only hope flights to be these days. I spent it in the lavatory, safely on the Can until the fasten seatbelt sign had been turned off. Thus ended the first leg of my journey.

To Be Continued Next Week...

## The Benefits of Being Green

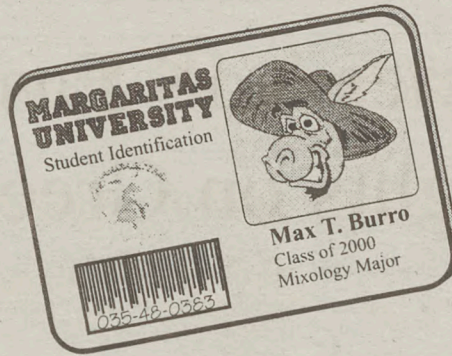
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cil. Some common, time-tested, examples of the methods being implemented to achieve these goals are: having a fully inclusive and open process open to suggestions and criticism, maximizing a building's use of passive solar energy and natural lighting, constructing a more efficient building envelope (e.g., walls, roofs, floors, windows, etc), and utilizing local resources (e.g., architects, workers and materials). What are some of the impacts of this change in design?

- Decreased operating costs
- Ecological preservation (in water quality, air quality, biodiversity, etc)
- Social benefits (such as support of the local economy)
- Affirmation towards and expansion in, the education and curriculum at the college.
- Increase in worker productivity (in this instance faculty, staff and student)

In closing, it should be recognized, that there can be an experimental and potentially risky nature involved in Green Architecture. Yet, these are known risks, which are presented to and decided upon by the client in the process of design. The majority of techniques utilized within Green Architecture are time-tested methods, which have been shown to reduce the operating costs of buildings, along with diminishing the negative social and ecological impacts, while building stronger communities – on the Bates College campus, in Lewiston, and throughout Maine.

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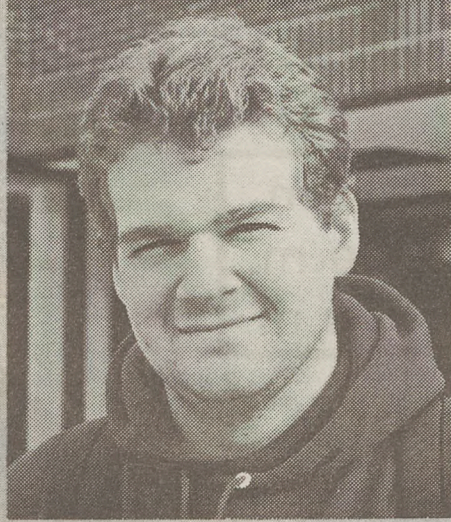
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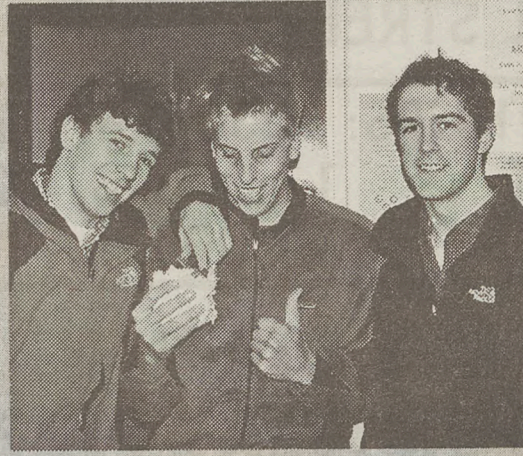
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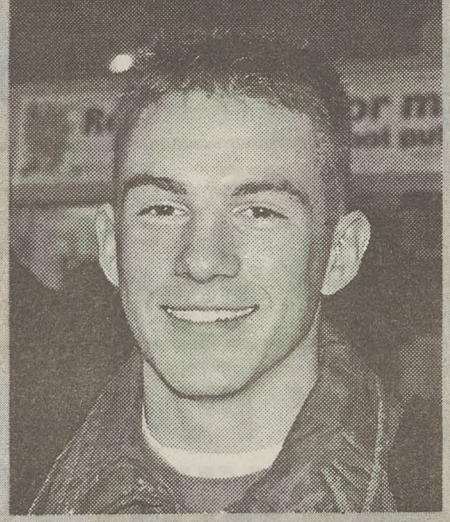
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## Swimming

# Mixed Results For Bates At The Dawn Of 2002

by AMANDA BECK  
STAFF WRITER

While most Batesies have been trying to get their schedules in order, the swimming squads have been in full swing. On January 5, at home, the Bobcats took on Norwich University and both the men's and women's squads came out with impressive victories. The men scored 209 points while holding Norwich to only 37. Senior diver Andrew Hastings led the way for the Bobcats with victories in the 1M and 3M diving events. He won the 1M event with a score of 302.40, missing school and facility records set last year by only 9 points. His score in the 3M event, 270.35, missed NCAA qualifying standards by less than 5 points.

Sophomore Todd Bretl was a multiple winner, with victories in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events. First year Adam Eggert was also a double winner in both the 100 yard butterfly (57.41) and the 100 backstroke (109.92). Two other rookies posted their first collegiate wins: Nathan Curll placed first in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.64 and John Getchell took first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 59.56.

On the women's side, the Bobcats outscored Norwich 224 to 46. Rookie diver Kara Seaton was a multiple winner, taking first in both the 1M and 3M events with scores of 235.25 and 233.75, respectively. Fellow first years posting their first collegiate victories included Fiona Clifford who placed first in the 50 yard breaststroke with a time of 35.44, Jackie Donnelly who won the 100 yard freestyle in 59.47 and Jen Gerson who took the 500 yard freestyle in 6:21.17.

The following day the Bobcats hosted NESCAC rival, Middlebury, and despite a strong showing, both Bobcat squads fell to the Panthers. On the men's side, the Bobcats were outscored 173-125, but still featured many impressive individual and team performances. Hastings won the 1M event with a score of 273.55, meeting the NCAA qualifying standards for the third time this season, while simultaneously defeating last year's defending National Champion from Middlebury. He also placed second in the 3M event with a score of 263.20.

Junior David Bear was a multiple winner for the Bobcats, taking both the 500 yard freestyle in 4:57.12 and the 1,000 yard freestyle in 10:12.98. Senior Dan Heneghan won the 200 butterfly in 2:10.84 and also took third in the 500 freestyle in 5:03.99.

Junior Adam Bowden took third in both the 200 yard (1:51.05) and 100 yard freestyle (50.74). Senior Andrew O'Donnell took third in the 100 yard backstroke (57.71) and rookie Craig Legault

took fourth in the same event in a time of 58.01.

The relay team of O'Donnell, Hseng, Bowden and Chris Guerette took second in the 200 yard medley with a time of 1:41.79 as did the 200 yard freestyle relay team of Steve Imig, Legault, Bretl and Guerette. In the 50 yard freestyle, Bretl took first, Imig took second and Guerette rounded out the Bobcats with a fourth place finish. In the 100 yard breaststroke, first year Sao Hseng took first in a time of 1:04.44, Imig took third in a time of 1:05.46 and Eggert took fifth with a time of 1:07.88. In the 200 yard breaststroke, Hseng took second with a time of 2:26.67 and Imig placed third in 2:29.13. The Bobcats also had a strong showing in the 100 yard IM, with Bear placing second (57.43), Eggert in third (59.81) and Eric Bowden in fourth (1:01.22).

In the women's meet, the Bobcats were outscored 175-122, but also had several outstanding performances. Seaton won both the 3M (252.45) and 1M (222.05) events, setting a Bates and Tarbell Pool record with her score in the 3M. First year Vanessa Williamson also had a stellar day with a victory in the 200 yard butterfly in a time of 2:09.17 which was good enough to have won the men's event. She also took first in the 100 yard butterfly (1:00.41) and second in the 100 IM (1:04.17).

Junior captain Meg Ferrari was a multiple winner with victories in both the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke as was rookie Nicole Sparks who won the 50 and 200 yard freestyle event, and placed second in the 100 yard freestyle. Senior Megan Simmons placed second in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:17.73 and took third in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.15, just .07 seconds out of second place. First years Donnelly and Allison Wensley placed third in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.62) and second in the 200 butterfly (2:18.02), respectively.

The 200 yard Medley relay team of Jamie Balicki, Ferrari, Williamson and Sparks took second place with a time of 1:55.17 and the 200 yard Free relay team of Kate Humphrey, Catie Hinckley, Libby McConnell and Balicki took third with a time of 1:49.59.

This past weekend, the Bobcats traveled to Wellesley, Massachusetts to take on Babson where the women were victorious but the men came up short. The women won eight of thirteen events and were paced once again by the diving of Seaton as well as by Sparks and Williamson who won the 1,000 yard freestyle and 100 yard backstroke respectively. The highlight on the men's side was Hastings once again qualifying for the NCAA championships. Bear also took home the 500 and 1,000 yard freestyle.

Next up for the Bobcats is a home meet on the weekend against NESCAC rival, Colby.

## Top Ten

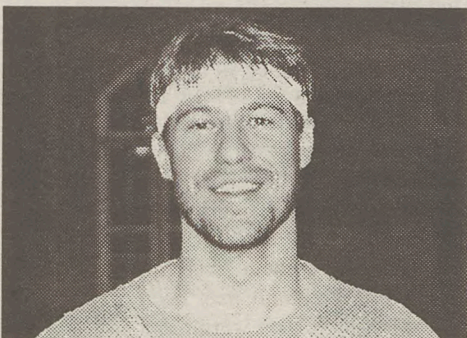
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games. Loring was once again victorious but it did not come easily. After winning the first two games with ease, she lost the next two before winning the deciding game 9-7. Conversely, in the number two slot Sarah Persing dropped the first two games of the match before rallying to win the next three games 9-2, 9-6 and 9-7.

With one match still going on, the score was locked at four matches apiece. "It was an amazing atmosphere," said Illig. "Both teams were surrounding the court watching Kristen play the deciding match." Brush's match also went to five games and she eventually prevailed in a tiebreaker in the fifth game. The final score of the match was 6-9, 9-3, 9-5, 5-9, 10-9.

After all of this, the Bobcats were able to raise their ranking from #11 to #9 despite having a losing record for the weekend. If the Bobcats can hold steady at #9, they will be the top seed in the 'B' grouping at the nationals. This weekend the Bobcats will travel to New Haven to play in the Yale Invitational.

## Bobcat Of The Week



Alex Wilson Christina Dove/The Bates Student

In what has probably been the tightest call this season, this week's award goes to Alex Wilson, co-captain of the men's basketball team.

In helping to lead the Bobcats to a 3-0 record last week, Wilson averaged 16.3 points, 9.7 rebounds 2.7 assists and 1 steal per game. Wilson was able to control the glass on both ends of the floor while also adding some scoring punch. He had two doubles-doubles and shot 53% from the field and 82% from the line.

# Time to Hand Out The Hardware

by MATT GAGNE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

We're a good two weeks into 2002, but it's never too early to reminisce. Another year's gone by and it's time to dish out the all-encompassing, all-important sports awards.

**FOR MOST UNDERRATED 2001 MALE ATHLETE:**

Gold - Lance Armstrong. Silver - Dan Spector. Bronze - Shane "The crafty lefty" Delaney.

**FOR MOST UNDERRATED 2001 FEMALE ATHLETE:**

Gold - Not Anna Kournikova. Silver - Kate Dockery. Bronze - The rest.

**FOR BIGGEST BLOOPERS:**

Gold - Football coach George O'Leary, for lying on his Notre Dame application. Silver - Terry Glenn, for being Terry Glenn. Bronze - The three-airball performance from "that kid" who shoots half-court shots for a buck at Bates basketball games.

**FOR BEST AND MOST DEDICATED FANS:**

Gold - All six Montreal Expos fans. Silver - Any sport Bates. Bronze - The three students and four grandparents who follow Thomas College basketball (One more than the Expos).

**FOR THINGS I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE, EVER:**

Gold - Bob Knight coaching again. Silver - Sentimental New Englanders naming their first son after Ray Bourque. Bronze - Jason Giambi in pinstripes.

**FOR THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER, ALWAYS:**

Gold - Baseball everything, except the kid from Roger Williams who, during Game 7 of the World Series, shouted "bats should be made out of plastic because they'd be more fragile and break more. That'd be cool!" Silver - A moose racing Ben Clements in the 40-yard dash on campus-wide field day. Bronze - Mike Lopez and Rob Maguire going 10-0 at the Beirut table (Water, of course).

**FOR BEST CHRISTMAS GIFTS SANTA FORGOT TO BRING:**

Gold - A 4.0 GPA. Silver - A BCS bowl bid for the Bates football team. It's more like BS, not BCS! Bronze - A cure for the Curse of the Bambino.

**FOR WORST CHRISTMAS GIFTS YOU CAN'T RETURN:**

Gold - The zone defense in the NBA, it's just a

bunch of chickens running around with their heads cut off playing "illegal defense." Silver - Tie Domi's stick-wielding Hack-a-Shaq tough-guy routine. Bronze - John Rocker and Carl Everett on the same team (A-Rod is now underpaid.)

**FOR BEST GAME OF THE YEAR:**

Gold - World Series, game seven: Yankees lose, thhheee Yankkkeeessss looossssee! Silver - Bates football downs Bowdoin, 38-35, in overtime thanks to the leg of Nat Carr and stellar defensive efforts by Kurt Chapman and Pat Connors. Bronze - Bates volleyball rallies from a two-game deficit to down Tufts University in the NESCAC quarterfinals. Woo! Woo!

**FOR BEING A GOOD SPORT ABOUT IT:**

Gold - Drew Bledsoe. Silver - Bates crew teams. Bronze - Tiger Woods, for letting others win at least once a month.

**FOR BEST HIGHLIGHT CALLS (God Bless Sports Center):**

Gold - That kid must be butter, 'cause he's on a roll. Silver - As cool as the other side of the pillow. Bronze - I am king of the Diamond, there will be a grand clubhouse feast, bring me the finest meats and cheeses in all the land!

**FOR WORST HIGHLIGHT CALLS:**

Hands down, the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals go to Bill Walton, for just talking.

**FOR THINGS I WANT TO SEE CHANGED IN 2002:**

Gold - To have a NESCAC championship football game. Silver - To see Gonzaga finally upset Duke in the NCAA championship game, 73-71, because Jason Williams scored in the wrong basket. Bronze - For Bates to be a little more generous with the money and buy the Lacrosse teams something other than just gloves. Perhaps mouth guards, new tube socks, or elbow pads to prevent rug burn from that really expensive turf field they play on. Honorable Mention - Cheerleaders!

**FOR THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE KEPT THE SAME IN 2002:**

Gold - For Tom Brady not to be a one-hit wonder. Silver - The Third Half: NAKED RUN! NAKED RUN! Bronze - The piece of Haddock that's been sitting in Commons since 1989 to stick it out for one more year.

Last, but certainly not least, the Golden Bobcat Award for the best damn thing to happen in the wide world of sports goes to - drum roll please - Anna Kournikova. What a babe!

I mean, uh, the cure for turf toe. That's it.

## Sports Briefs

### Women's Hockey Blanks Lowell

The Maine winter has arrived and it is time to enjoy the snowball fights, the snow football, the sledding, and endless skiing.

Nothing, however, beats a good-old fashioned hockey blowout, which was exactly what the Bates College women's hockey team produced with an 8-0 trouncing over UMass-Lowell at Underhill Arena on Saturday.

"Some of them couldn't even skate," Bates captain Liz Schlifman said. "We were a better team. We were just passing really well around them. It wasn't that exciting of a game because it was a blow out. We had a lot of fun."

Goal tenders Heather Bracken and Lindsay Gary split time in net and combined for the shut-out. The Bobcats controlled the game from the get-go and led a balanced attack throughout the contest. Tory Peterson, Anna Felton, Libby Getzendanner, Alison Keen, SooAe Shaneyfelt, and Lauren Bonenberger all scored for Bates.

### Weymouth And Martell Get Academic Nod

Bates College senior forward Drew Weymouth of Holden, Mass., and junior goalkeeper Kim Martell of Needham, Mass., have been named to the Verizon Academic All-District I College Division men's and women's soccer teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA). Weymouth, a first-team selection, will be placed on the ballot for Academic All-America honors. Martell was a second-team selection.

Weymouth, a biology major with a minor in mathematics, started all 15 games for coach George Purgavie's men's soccer team this season. Weymouth is a six-time Dean's List student and a three-time Academic All-NESCAC selection.

Martell, a neuroscience major, started all 15 games for coach Jim Murphy's 10-4-1 women's soccer team this season. Martell is a five-time Dean's List student and was named to the Fall 2001 Academic All-NESCAC team.



# Four In A Row As Bates Begins NESCAC Season



by **MATT MEYERS**  
SPORTS EDITOR

While most of us were still getting over our New Year's hangovers, the Bates women's hoops team was back in action beginning the second half of their season on January 2nd in the Naismith/Holiday Inn Classic at Springfield College.

In the opener the Bobcats feel to hosts by a score of 55-52. Its amazing that Bates was even able to stay in this game as they shot a paltry 24.2% from the floor; however, they did force 26 turnovers while grabbing 17 offensive rebounds which can account for the tight game and is a testament to team's hustle. Since the Springfield loss, this team has been rolling and their defense has led the way. "Right now, we are holding our opponents to 58 points per game," said Coach Jim Murphy. "Any time you can keep your opponents in the 50's, you have an excellent shot at winning."

In the consolation game, Bates took out their frustrations on the College of Staten Island by a score of 83-67. Despite shooting for a low percentage once again, the Bobcats used their smothering defense to force 33 turnovers, which led to many easy baskets. The 'Cats were led by Lauren Dubois who poured in 15 points while grabbing 7 boards and Heather Taylor who chipped in 12 points off the bench.

In their following contest the Bobcats played host to Wellesley. After a tight first half which ended with the 'Cats leading 31-30, Bates broke out of its recent shooting slump to blow away Wellesley 40-25 in the second. The Bobcats shot almost 60% in the second half with contributions from a variety of players. Carla Flaherty and Lisa Golobski led the way with 11 points apiece. Once again the bench came up big as Olivia Zurek dropped 10 and Katie King had 8 points and nine boards. "I'd have to say our depth is our biggest strength," commented Coach Murphy. "We're

deeper than just about every team we play."

The 'Cats opened up their CBB schedule last Thursday in Waterville when they took on Colby. This time, the Bobcats jumped out to a double digit first half lead and held off several runs in the second half to come home with a 64-57 victory. Captain Kate Dockery was the top performer on this night as she did a little of everything scoring 12 points, while grabbing 7 boards and dishing out 4 assists. As a team, the 'Cats did a tremendous job of taking care of the ball as they turned the ball over only 9 times.

On Saturday, the Bobcats played hosts to Babson College and were able to win with relative ease by the score of 77-62. After falling behind 7-6 in the first half, Bates went on a 14-2 run to take a 20-9 lead which they would never relinquish. Babson never got closer than seven points the rest of the way. Once again it was a slew of scorers who paced the Bobcat attack. Flaherty had 15 to go along with 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals while Lisa Golobski had 14 and Dockery 13. Zurek and Taylor also added 10 points apiece off of the pine.

As is the case with most sports here at Bates, the real test will be the NESCAC season which kicks off this Saturday when Tufts comes to town. "Our goal is to get the #1 seed in the NESCAC tournament because that way you get to host it and we shoot a lot better at home," said Coach Murphy. This task will not be easy as the NESCAC includes some very strong teams such as CBB rival Bowdoin who is currently ranked in the top ten in the country.

"For us take first in the NESCAC we need to shoot a lot better," noted Murphy. "Our defense has been winning us games, but our jump shooting must improve or teams are just going to sit in a 2-3 zone against us until we prove we can shoot better. Our free throw shooting has also been abysmal as we are only shooting 61% so that needs to improve as well."

## W. Indoor Track

# Bates Finishes 3rd At USM

by **KEN WHITNEY**  
STAFF WRITER

In their first meet of the season, the Bates women's indoor track team finished third of four teams. The meet was held at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham on Saturday. The University of Southern Maine (USM) won the meet with one-hundred ninety-six points. Colby placed second with one-hundred forty points. Bates finished the meet with one-hundred six points. Coast Guard Academy finished last with one-hundred four points.

Bates sophomore Liz Wanless was runner-up in the shot put event. Her throw of forty-two feet, eleven inches broke her own school record in the event, set last year, by two feet. With her performance, Wanless earned a provisional berth in the NCAA Division III National Championships. She missed an automatic berth in the Championship Meet by one inch.

Bates junior Kelly Puglisi won the 1500-meter run in 4:55.63. She defeated runner-up

Dorothy Bienhoff of Coast Guard by just over one second.

Julie Dutton, a Bates sophomore, won the 3000-meter run with a time of 10:43.36. Runner-up Lorne Lohmeyer of USM was nearly three seconds back. Both Puglisi and Dutton qualified for the New England Division III and ECAC Division III championships.

Bates captain Anya Belanger took fourth in the high jump. Her performance of four feet, ten inches qualified her for the New England Division III Championships.

The Bobcats' distance-medley relay team was also victorious. The team, composed of Puglisi and Dutton, and Penny Christo and Catherine Crosby, won the event by nearly twenty-eight seconds over runner-up Colby.

Rachel Starr, a Bates freshman, delivered an impressive third place performance in the eight-hundred meter run; her time of 2:32.73 was under three seconds behind the winner Carrie Lam of Coast Guard.

The women's indoor track team has a meet here, at Bates, next Saturday.

# Head To Head

Meyers and Hart Make Their Super Bowl Picks, Will Destiny Rule Over Reality? The "Experts" Take Their Shots

by **BILL HART**  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The NFL season has dwindled to this, an eight-team battle royal and thankfully the players, not a super computer, will determine the final resting place for Mr. Lombardi's trophy. The Rams sport the world's most devastating offense, the Ravens the league's stingiest D, The Packers, Steelers and Bears boast football's most imposing traditions, the Raiders feature January's supreme receiver Jerry Rice. Any of these teams would make for as a reasonable choice to win this year's Super Bowl, but I'm rolling the dice with my selection. The New England Patriots will dance down Bourbon Street come February, thanks to an unsung teammate called DESTINY.

Back in 1986, when Boston was the sporting world's holy city, the Pats became the first Wild Card team to qualify for the big dance. Their first round opponent that year were the Marcus Allen led Raiders (then of Los Angeles residence). In the Super Bowl, which happened to be held in New Orleans, they lined up against The Chicago Bears. Interesting?

Fast forward to the Patriots next Super season, 1997. Once again New England kicked odds makers in the teeth with an improbable playoff march. Beating the Steelers for the AFC Championship, the Pats then faced the Packers in yet another New Orleans Super Bowl. Deja vu anyone?

I am not a man of superstitious belief, but the potential for replica scenarios can only mean one thing; the stars have aligned, Jupiter is in Venus's third moon, or something like that. Anyway, I say third time is a charm, warm up a bowl of jambalaya. Not buying into my "magic of the moment" hypothesis? There is plenty of additional ammo to bolster my Patriots pick.

The Gods of football (and network television) were smiling on Bob Kraft when they handed him Saturday's primetime game (8 PM). A New England nightcap in mid-January means Oakland must prepare to encounter any of Mother Nature's All-Star lineup, rain, freezing rain, sleet, freezing sleet, snow, nor' easter snow and mind numbing cold, or worse yet, all of the above. The Raiders then must endure their encounters with the frenzied, if not illegal, activities of Foxboro's finest fans, most of who are out on a parole break (if Cop's does not send their cameras to this tailgate they will miss some classic footage). If the weather and fans did not create adverse enough conditions keep in mind the Raiders lost three straight games entering the playoffs (bad Karma) and feature the only lineup where the players are older than the coaches.

Even more relevant are the Patriots personal situations, each of which speaks volumes for their impending success. First of all, New England is undefeated coming off a Terry Glenn suspension, and as if taking his cues from Ron Howard, Terry has once again gone AWOL.

The Super Bowl (and VH1) loves the one hit wonders behind center, Doug Williams, Jeff Hostetler, Trent Dilfer and now Tom Brady. Could work. Antoine Smith flourished during the ever precious "contract season," and a string of big games on football's grandest venue translates into a Faulkian payday.

The defense has served as the team's foundation, epitomizing the blue-collar work ethic Bill Belichick demands. But what will make this defense unbeatable is the fact that they received little fanfare. Brian Cox shook off a broken leg like the hiccups, Ted Johnson accepted less money (NOT A MISPRINT) to stay in New England, Richard Seymour lived up to his first round hype. This unit may need a January lockdown to prove their worth.

When it all said and done, after 15 varieties of chips have been purchased, a big screen rented, beer mugs sufficiently frosted, millions will watch the Patriots will hunker down against the beasts of the NFC. And they will triumph. Why? Because we have the pieces, we have destiny and in the words of every Sox fan from the North Shore to the Berkshires, "we ahhh due."

by **MATT MEYERS**  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a not so wild wild-card weekend, Bill and myself have decided to look into our crystal balls and see if we can predict the Super Bowl. While Bill has chosen to take the "team of destiny" approach, I am taking a more realistic approach since my beloved Giants are out of it, and the only interest I have left is my \$10 bet on the Packers to go all the way at 15-1 odds.

Before this weekend, it looked like the Rams were the clear cut favorite in the NFC to take down whatever patsy was going to be sent by the AFC; however, each of the winners this weekend looked pretty good, so the picture might be a bit more muddled.

In the NFC, we have the Eagles, Bears, Packers and Rams. The Eagles looked impressive in dismantling the Bucs this past weekend, but the Bucs are a terrible road/cold weather team and when your quarterback is Brad Johnson, your chances are slim. Then again, the Eagles are playing the Bears who are a bit of a mystery this season in that "how the hell did they go 13-3?" sort of way. They are one of those teams that we often see who capitalized on a weak schedule and rode some good luck into winning their division. Then again, they said that about the Giants last year and they made it to the Super Bowl. If you want to talk about teams of destiny as Bill has chosen to do, then the Bears need to be at the top of that list after winning consecutive games this season with interceptions returned for touchdowns in overtime. I'll take the Eagles just to pick an upset and I like the way Donovan McNabb is playing.

I believe the champion of the NFC will be the winner of the Packers and Rams game. If the Rams win, I cannot see the Bears or Eagles beating them in St. Louis. If the Packers win, I would like them to go to the Super Bowl since they would clearly be rolling; however, it seems like the Rams will be tough to beat at home, then again, the only two games they lost this season were at home. Despite this so I am going to go with the Rams to win the NFC although I think them being favored ten points over the Packers is a little steep.

Over in the AFC, the issue is much more muddled. I would not be surprised if any of the four teams left made it to New Orleans. Both the Raiders and Ravens looked pretty meek as they finished the regular season and since how a team finishes is often a good indicator of how they do in the play-offs, I left them for dead; however, they were both dominating this weekend so it made things interesting.

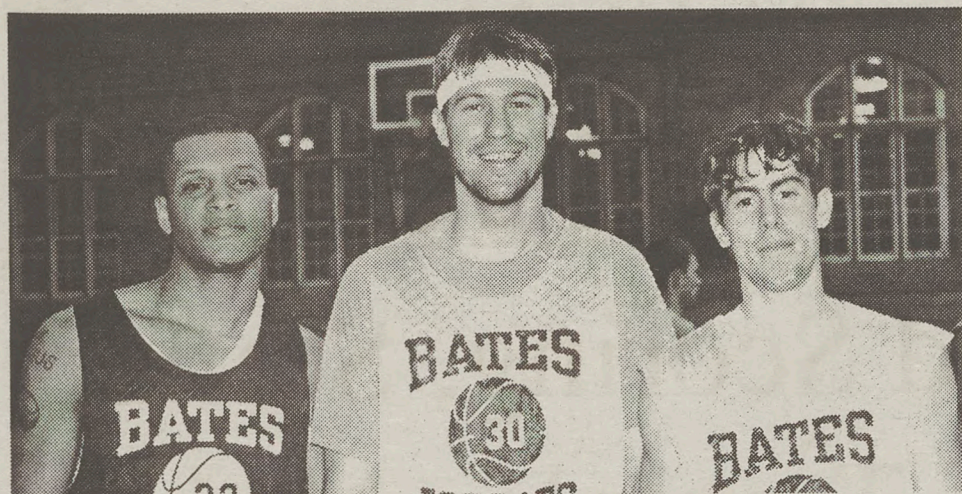
Despite how good the Ravens looked this weekend, I am weary of picking them to beat the Steelers for three reasons. First, the Ravens beat a Dolphins team that is simply not that good. The fact that they seem to win 11 games every year is as much of a mystery as Loch Ness. Second, their quarterback is Elvis Grbac who is making Ravens fans look back fondly on the Tony Banks era. Third, they are playing in Pittsburgh, which is the second best home field in the league after Lambeau.

The Raiders-Patriots match-up is what I believe to be the most intriguing since it features two quarterbacks who have clearly sold their souls to the devil. How else can you explain Gannon transforming himself from journeyman back-up into a modern day Fran Tarkenton and Brady who has going from fourth string to the Pro Bowl. I'm tempted to pick the Raiders just to annoy New England fans, but I'll go with the home team since the Pats are rested and the Raiders can't really stop the run. In the AFC title game, I do not think the Patriots will be able to get past the Steelers due to the fact that I think the Steelers are better and will be at home, although there are those skeptics out there who still do not trust Kordell Stewart.

As much as I hate to pick them, its hard to imagine the Rams losing unless Faulk or Warner gets knocked out. The way to beat them is to keep the offense off of the field with long drives and being able to put pressure on Warner without having to blitz a lot. This seems like a lot to ask so I will pick the Rams, but I hope someone (i.e. the Packers) proves me wrong.



# All For One And One For All



From left to right, Walker, Wilson and Hart

Christina Dove/The Bates Student

by MATT GAGNE  
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Good things come in threes — The Holy Trinity; Paper, Rock, Scissors; Back-to-back-to-back championships; Sex, Drugs, Rock-n-roll; a three-ring circus; the red, white and blue; the Three Stooges; a triple-double; new tennis balls; and Bates basketball tri-captains Ed Walker, Alex Wilson, and Billy Hart.

Seniors, Walker, Wilson and Hart entered the 2001-02 season already enshrined among the 24 career 1,000-point scorers at Bates College. It is second time in school history that three classmates have shared the honor (Sean McDonagh, Darrell Akins, Tim Collins '92), but it is the first time the grand triumvirate has reached the 1,000-point mark before their senior season.

"It's hard to imagine Bates basketball without the tri-captains," said Bates coach Joe Reilly, who was a 1,000-point scorer in his playing days at Trinity College. "All of them are great scorers, but they can do other things just as well. If they were only one-dimensional then there'd be potential for conflict. They're unselfish, they play defense, and they take pride in their assists — their view of success goes beyond how many points they score."

Last year the Bobcats broke a school record with a nine-game win streak, finished with 13 wins, and won their first outright CBB title since the 1966-'67 season. The 2000-01 campaign also marked what is believed to be only the second time in Div. III NCAA history that four 1,000-point scorers graced the hardwood together (Rommel Padonou '01).

Halfway through 2001-02 season the 'Cats are already 10-3 and 2-0 in CBB competition. With Padonou out of the picture, the roles Hart, Walker, and Wilson play extend well beyond the guard and forward positions. They are the heart and soul-the backbone-of a program that is on the brink of becoming a potent and perennial contender in NESCAC competition.

"They've left the program in great shape," Reilly said. "All three of them as juniors did what they could do individually. The next piece of the puzzle is to win a title and set a record for wins at Bates. The one thing they haven't done we're in the process of doing."

While it is easy to enjoy Bates' present success, it is even easier to forget the long and tumultuous past.

"They were my first recruiting class," Reilly added. "We went 3-21 and were probably the worst team in New England the year before they came to Bates. The three of them have resurrected the program."

"They all had different but great high school careers. Ed played at arguably the best high school in Massachusetts (Charlestown), Billy averaged 30 points a game and made a name for himself around New England, and Alex was named player of the year in his league. He was essentially the number one recruit at all the other NESCAC schools."

"All three competed at the NESCAC level right away without a supporting cast. I knew that with better players around them they'd only get better. All three have improved tremendously since their freshman year. They didn't settle to be average. As a coach in recruiting you have a good idea where players stand talent-wise, but you don't know what you're going to get effort-wise after that."

A product of Roxbury, Mass., Walker is to Bates fans what Mr. Rogers is to the St. Mary's daycare program — the man. An All-NESCAC selection for the 2000-01 season, Walker's basketball résumé also includes two Bates' defensive player of the year honors and the MVP award for the 2001 Wheaton Tip-Off Classic. At 6'4" he's capable of knocking down the trifecta or lowering his shoulder and driving the lane. But it's his mental toughness, says Reilly, that puts him and the Bobcats over edge. As for honors, Walker is more interested in team chemistry.

"It doesn't mean anything special to me, but it should mean something special to those who have been observing us," Walker said of scoring 1,000 points. "Since day one we've had this teamwork that allowed us to score 1,000 points each. We came in as three players and now we're leaving as three brothers. None of us could have had success without each other. If there's no Ed, there's no Billy. If there's no Billy, there's no Alex. If there's no Alex, there's no Ed."

A Duxbury, Mass., resident, Wilson was named New England Basketball Coaches' Rookie of the Year for the '98-'99 season and received All-NESCAC honors the next two years. Sometimes his efforts go unnoticed in the bubbled-world of Bates athletics, but he's the axle that keeps this hoops-dream menage a trois spinning. A threat anywhere on the floor, Wilson's more versatile than Inspector Gadget and has more insidemoves than Igor the Russian mole.

"It's meant a lot," Wilson said of scoring 1,000 points alongside Walker and Hart. "Basketball has always been a big part of my life, which means Billy and Ed have been a huge part of my life the past four years. It's special. Not too many people get to walk into a program and play and start for four years."

Hart Hails from Haverhill, Mass., and is known to would-be opponents as the deadliest three-point assassin east of the Mississippi. You can find him in Alumni Gymnasium, all alone, working on his jukes and burying the three-ball. Ask him to drop one from half court and he'll politely reply, "Out of my range." Hart, however, has more range than a cruise missile and a jumper smoother than silk. He's lying.

"Scoring a 1,000 points in college is an affirmation of a lot of work I've put in since I was a kid," Hart said. "All the hours on the court and all the jumpers really paid off. It's nice to have that defined achievement. It's nice to see my name up there while I'm still playing."

"The one thing I'm going to miss the most is playing in Alumni. Each year it's gotten better. Not only do you have the softest rims in the world, but the fans are right on the court. That's what you want as a basketball player. Alumni pumps you up. You can hear everyone — what your friends are saying to you, and what they're saying to the opponents."

The senior three have done more than just resurrect a program from the sewer. Walker, Wilson and Hart have forever changed the way basketball is played at Bates College.

"I'm hoping coach Reilly will be able to one day say I had a player Ed Walker and he'll tell his players about me," Walker said. "I left a mark on this program. I should be modest about it, but I did."

"We left the program, it's safe to say, as a complete turnaround from the first day we stepped on the court," Hart added. "We weren't

respected and no one took us seriously. We brought commitment and dedication and the understanding that if you want to play for Bates you just don't walk out there. I wanted to make Bates a better basketball program and all three of us have done that."

The end of the Walker-Wilson-Hart era is perhaps most difficult for Reilly, who has formed a close relationship with all his players. He struggled for words at the thought of not seeing his first recruits in uniform.

"I'm trying not to think of the time when the ball's thrown up at the start of a game and they're not out there," he said. "I just hope their legacy lives through the younger guys and their work ethic."

While basketball has been the main staple in Walker, Wilson and Hart's collegiate careers, their presence has extended well beyond the hardwood.

"It's been great," Wilson said of his time at Bates. "I've met some amazing people and have had chances to do some great things, like going abroad to New Zealand. The people here are just phenomenal."

"It's hard to think that I looked at another school," said Hart, who was named to the Verizon Academic All-District team last season. "The things the school has helped me get, internships, connections, it's a good thing to be able to look back at your college career and have no doubts."

"I wasn't forced to change," Walker added. "They took me for Ed as Ed. That's everyone — coaches, team, fans, and I appreciate that. I'd like to give thank yous to the coaching staff and the program for accepting me. I want to give a shout out to the Bates community for the support they've given the program and me individually. I hope this team is blessed for many years to come."

The past four years have been filled with great wins and heart-breaking losses, but one minor thing managed to slip through the cracks.

"I didn't teach Billy how to rap," said a smiling Walker. "But he's well acquainted with hip-hop now thanks to my presence. I don't know if Billy had even listened to music. I think he read a book before practice."

"I'll never try," Hart joked of rapping. "I have no rhythm. I'm just a white guy who can shoot."

The walls of the Bobcat locker room are plastered with various inspirational sayings, but one stands out in particular: What you don't give today is gone forever. There are only five chances left to see the senior three in action at Alumni Gymnasium, including tonight's contest with Wentworth at 7 p.m. The regular season ends Feb. 16 at home against Wesleyan. Barring playoffs, it may be your last chance to say thank you.

Sometimes people do give 100% everyday. Those are the memories that last forever.

## R & R

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Riley stammered "You've got to be able to drop everything in 30 seconds or less if you feel the heat coming around the corner," and ran off.

Scott O'Neil and his cousin Jimmy Satirus drove to Los Angeles, California where they attended the taping of multiple game shows. Jimmy's name was called by Rod Roddy and he made it to Contestant's Row on The Price is Right. He won various game room furnishings by winning the Showcase Showdown. Scott was a contestant on the show Win, Lose, or Draw...he lost. The low point of the trip was when the duo was escorted from the set of Family Feud for yelling curses at host Louie Anderson.

It seems that the Hockey team had quite a good time over break. Now that break is over, the team is looking to build on their current two game winning streak. The team will play its biggest rival MIT on January 18th before returning home for two games against Hofstra January 25th and 26th. We will see you at the games.

## M. Squash

# 'Cats Come Up Short At #14 Amherst

by MATT MEYERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bates men's squash team traveled to Amherst this past weekend with high expectations. After starting the season 3-0, the Bobcats were hoping to defeat an Amherst team that was one spot ahead of them (Bates was #15) in the national rankings.

Despite the high hopes, Bates was not able upset their NESCAC rival, falling to the Lord Jeffs by a score of 6-3.

The victories for the Bobcats came in the seventh, eighth and ninth positions as Rob Weller, Sam Kieley and Alex Wolff all won their matches respectively. Kieley only needed three games for his victory while Weller and Wolff handled their opponents in four. Unfortunately, none of the other Bobcats were able to pull out their matches despite some close calls.

The closest of these calls came in the match between each of the team's top players. Ben Schippers, the number one player for Bates fell to Amherst's top player in four hotly contested. After taking the first game 10-8, Schippers lost the next three games by the scores of 9-6, 10-9 and 10-8. So although the match did not get the distance, it could not have been much closer.

*"We played well," commented Huleatt. "But when you are facing a team like Amherst, who only five years ago was ranked 2nd in the country, well isn't good enough."*

Both Chad Mountain and Ethan Kerr were able to take a game apiece in their matches, but they too fell short in the end.

Although the result was not what the Bobcats might have hoped for, there are reasons to believe that if these teams meet again at nationals, which is quite possible, the result might be different.

The most glaring example is the play of juniors Eric Lopez and Matt Wu. Both Wu. Both Lopez and Wu were abroad last semester and were not able to work on their games as much as they would have had they been at Bates last semester. "They are both a bit rusty," said Illig. "They just have not played enough since they just got back from being abroad." The rust showed as neither of the two were able to win their matches; however, they each have been two of the team's top performers over the last two seasons so there is no reason to believe that they won't return to their top form.

"We played well," said Captain Sam Huleatt. "But when playing a team like Amherst who only five years ago was ranked 2nd nationally, well isn't good enough. When we play away we are always at a disadvantage due to our courts so we have to be mentally tough and adjust quickly. We were right there and this weekend we'll hopefully make up for the loss against F&M who we lost to 5-4 last year at nationals."

As noted by Huleatt, the Bobcats will take on Franklin & Marshall among others this weekend in New Haven at the Yale Invitational.

The Bobcats will play five matches at Yale as their season gets into full swing. They will be playing Yale, the University of Rochester, St. Lawrence, Hobart along with Franklin & Marshall.

"The matches against Hobart and F&M will be good tests for us," said Illig. "Along with Bowdoin, Wesleyan and Amherst those two teams are right at our level so we need to come to play. Hopefully we will get another crack at Amherst when we are at our best"



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## W. Squash

### 'Cats Crack Top Ten

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Any sports fans will tell you that when it comes to rankings, the strength of your schedule plays a huge role, it's also the reason that the Bates women's squash team was able to raise its ranking from #11 to #9 despite going 2-3 this past weekend. How is this possible you ask? It's because every team they played this weekend was ranked in the top ten in the country. As Coach John Illig put it "It was the most ambitious consecutive five game schedule we've ever had."

The weekend opened with an 8-1 loss at the hands of NESCAC power Williams who is ranked ninth in the nation. The only win for the Bobcats came from Kristen Brush who won 10-9, 10-9, 9-2. Maggie Smith also put forth a valiant effort and even had match point before losing in a tiebreaker in the fifth and deciding game.

At this point, the road ahead was looking very tough for the Bobcats as their next three matches were to be against Brown, Cornell and Penn, all of which are from the extremely competitive Ivy league. "It's really hard for us to go head to head with the Ivy league," commented Illig. "Those schools have a lot more money and a much richer squash tradition than we have here at Bates."

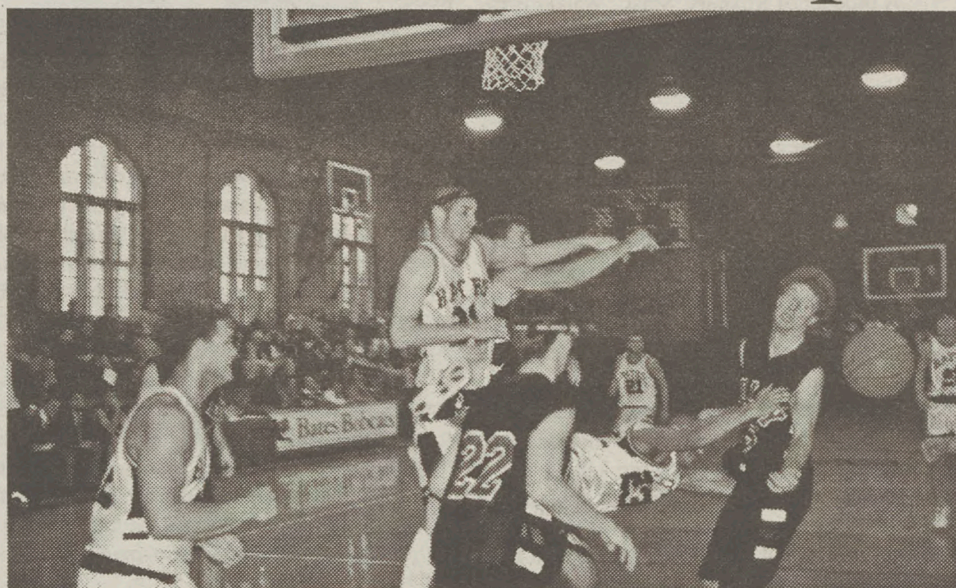
Against Brown the sixth ranked team in the country, the Bobcats fell by the score of 7-2. The most impressive result came from Aisha Shah who won 9-3, 9-4, 9-2 over Brown's top player. Noted Illig "Anytime you can beat the top player from a program like Brown, it is very impressive." The Bates also got a victory from Captain Jess Greslick in the number nine spot.

The Bobcats played their third match of the day on Saturday against Cornell who was ranked fifth in the country going in. Once again, the Bobcats won one more match than they had previously as they fell by the score of 6-3. This time it was the middle of the line-up who came up big as the fourth, fifth and sixth players, Jenny Loring, Maggie Smith and Liz Wagoner won their matches. Smith and Wagoner won in three games while Loring took hers in four. "Those three were monsters in the middle of the line-up all weekend," said Illig. "They are playing great." Despite some strong play, the Bobcats were 0-3 to start the weekend; however, their fortunes were about to change.

Early Sunday morning, the Bobcats took on Penn (ranked seventh in the country), their third straight match against an Ivy league opponent. In what can be considered a pretty big upset, the Bobcats knocked off the Quakers 5-4. Once again it was the middle of the line-up that held down the fort as Loring, Smith and Wagoner each won their matches in three games. Katie Percarpio and Greslick also won in the number seven and nine spots respectively. "To be honest, we were somewhat surprised with the win over Penn," admitted Illig. "I don't think they scouted us or took us very seriously, but that does not take anything away from our team because they played great."

After getting their first win of the season the Bobcats played their match of the weekend against Amherst who was ranked just one spot ahead of them and it proved to be the most tightly contested match of the weekend. In this match, it was the top five players who won their matches for Bates and three of those matches went to five

## Balanced Scoring, Stellar Defense Tramples Mules



C.J. Neely fights for a loose ball against Colby

Christina Dove/The Bates Student

by MIKE LOPEZ  
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The Bates College men's basketball team began the new year as they had left off in December, winning three close games, over Endicott, Gordon, and Colby, pushing their win streak to 6 games and running their overall record to 10-3, 2-0 in the Bates-Bowdoin-Colby rivalry.

Bates started off the week with a huge win with a 62-55 victory on the road at Endicott. Senior Captain Alex Wilson posted a big day for the Bobcats, finishing with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Wilson's fifth double-double of the season, along with classmate and fellow captain Ed Walker's 19 points, proved too much for the pesky Power Gulls (7-4), who had the lead 26-21 during the first half.

Two days later, on January 10, the Bobcats hosted Gordon College, who entered the game with a 7-4 record. Gordon, who all game was led by star sophomore Ben Earl [45 points], seemed overwhelmed by the Bobcat pressure, falling behind 29-8. But led by Earl's impressive effort, the Fighting Scots climbed back to within 31-28. The Bobcat offense took over and matched Earl basket for basket, taking a 41-36 halftime lead.

Bates kept up the pressure in the second half, but could never seem to pull away from the Scots. In the end, it was clutch free throw shooting and a big jumper by junior CJ Neely with a minute to go that sealed the game, 78-76 in favor of the Bobcats. The Bobcats finished an impressive 20-23 from the free throw line. Bates was once again paced by a balanced scoring attack in which 4 play-

ers reached double figures.

Walker led Bates with 18 points, Wilson had 16, and CJ Neely and sophomore Brian Gerrity came up big with 11 points each. Walker led the Bobcats with 6 assists, and Wilson led all players with 3 steals. On the Endicott win, Hart, who iced the game with a free throw at the end of the game, noted "this was not a pretty win, but you take them how you can get them. Earl found the zone and this gave Gordon some momentum, but we have been able to win the close games which is the sign of a mature team."

Bates would look to continue their early season schedule in a big game against the white mules of Colby, a rivalry vitally important to both teams, particularly the seniors. Gerrity, despite playing in his first rivalry game this year, knows how much it means, noting "I think they were huge wins, one of our goals was to win the BBC, especially for Ed, Alex, and Billy."

Walker himself insists each year on focusing on the game itself, mentioning "anything can happen, this is my fourth year, and it's exciting for the fans and the team, we know they'll give us everything they got." Hart added "as far as Colby this is about as emotional a game as you will find. There is nothing sweeter than kicking the Mules and being at Alumni. Bates has the best basketball venue in New England." Hart also pointed out how much he and the rest of the team will miss Colby's ex-coach Dick Whitmore, who this year is replaced by interim coach Roy Dow.

In a Saturday afternoon game, one where

Alumni Gym was packed with close to 1,000 spectators, the Bates offense was unstoppable. Gerrity caught fire off the bench, Neely and Wilson stepped up big on the glass. Dow and the Mules struggled to find defense against the hot shooting Bobcats. With the crowd on its feet, Bates opened an early 20-9 advantage and never let go of the lead the rest of the game, eventually winning 88-75. "It was a great team effort with energetic and unselfish play," commented coach Joe Reilly.

In the first half it was the Bobcat offense taking over, hitting over 55% of attempted three pointers to take a 49-46 halftime lead. An 11-4 Bobcat pushed the lead to 60-50 on a big hoop by Gerrity at the 16:09 mark, a margin the Mules could not overcome. Senior Damien Strahorn and first year Patrick McGowan led the hot shooting Mules Colby with 12 points in the first half. In the second half, however, it was the

Bobcat defense playing well, holding Colby to just 1-14 from three point land, and shutting down the star Strahorn, who finished just 8-28 from the floor. "We are a very unselfish team," said Reilly. "we are winning with defense and rebounding. Our players have worked very hard this year and it is great to see that work pay off."

Walker led 5 Bobcats in double figures with 21 points, and Gerrity came up with many important baskets down the stretch en route to 17 points to go along with a team high 6 assists.

Wilson and Neely also posted big games, each registering double-doubles. Wilson had 13 points and 11 rebounds, Neely had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Ramon Garcia, who hit three treys himself, finished with 11 points, and Billy Hart added 6 points.

For Bates, it was certainly a good week, and in this upcoming week the Bobcats have a Tuesday home game with Wentworth, and road games versus New England and Tufts to look forward to. Stated Gerrity, who in about a dozen games has matured into a proven threat in his first year with Bates, "as long as we play like we did against Colby, no letups, especially on the road, I think we will be successful."

Added the perceptive Hart, "a wise man once said 'offense wins games, defense wins championships.'" So far, with two home wins over Bowdoin and Colby, highlighted by a suffocating defense displayed in the second half versus Colby, Bates seems well on its way to its second consecutive CBB championship. Not bad for a school that went over 30 years without one such title.

## M. Hockey

### Bates Enjoys Some R & R

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"What do you do for fun?"

"I enjoy skinny skiing and attending bull fights on acid."

The Bates Men's hockey team has returned to campus with a fire in each of their respective bellies. They are hungry for a championship. Team members spent their break playing some hockey and having some fun. In order to get a feel for the individuals that make up the team we will focus on the fun that a few players had over break.

Charles Engasser, a Minnesota native and

stamp collector, returned home for break. Here he fine-tuned his Roman-Greco wrestling techniques with his eleven-year old brother. "I wrapped him up tighter than a Christmas Goose," boasted Engasser. "When asked if his brother was hurt, Charles replied: 'Pain is temporary...and so is the amebic rug burn on his forehead.'"

Lyle Gerety lived atop Mt. David for two days before going home to work in his family store selling black Lee Jeans, fake Oakleys, Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer, rubber rain ponchos, Slim Jims, mesh hats, fishing poles, worms, piñatas, cheeseburgers, gun racks, moonshine, dog food, bug spray, and travel size battleship games to

customers.

Aron Bell returned home to northern New Jersey before heading out on the adventure of a lifetime. Bell enrolled himself in a Rodeo Camp located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The camp was run by big name Rodeo stars: Lou "Texas" Brown, "One Hand" LaRou, and Dale "shoots from the hip" St. Clair. Former Detroit Tiger Chet Lemon was in Bell's group, but was not a very good cowboy.

Jake Riley spent most of his break in Driggs, Idaho. When he wasn't watching re-runs of the late night suspense/drama Silk Stalkings, Riley rebuilt the transmission of an early 70's Cadillac DeVille. "I don't think it will work," said Jake about the project "too many bogies in the C-valve". When asked what he meant by bogies